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Union leaders bow to militant pressure

Teachers will double strikes before election

- **The two leading teachers' unions are to double their strike action in the run-up to the general election**
- **The Conservatives appear to have wrong-footed the Alliance by turning defence into a front-line election issue**
- **The latest opinion polls suggests that Conservative support is holding firm, but with Labour inching forward**
- **Roman Catholics have been urged by their bishops not to vote on the basis of "single issue politics"**

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

The two biggest teaching unions decided yesterday to double their strikes in schools in England and Wales during the fortnight before the general election.

Up to 50,000 teachers will be called out on half-day strikes in 52 local education authority areas from June 1. As many as two million children are likely to be affected.

The move was condemned by Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, who said: "For the unions to bring children into this election campaign by disrupting their education is unforgiveable.

"The two unions are increasing their disruption on the very day after many teachers will have received substantial amounts of back pay."

Mr Giles Radice, Labour spokesman on education, who had appealed to the teachers to call off their strikes during the election, claimed that yesterday's decision underlined the argument for voting Labour.

The decision to intensify the action was taken by the leaders of the National Union of Teachers and the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers in response to increasing pressure from more militant members. They are protesting against the Government's suspension of negotiating rights.

The union leaders said their future strike plans would depend on a meeting they would seek with the Secretary of State for Education and Science after the election.

The areas where the strikes are to be staged will be announced today. They will include the 24 authorities unaffected since the present round of selective strikes began. Local associations will decide which schools are to be targeted.

Although the unions claim that their action will not affect pupils taking examinations, those preparing for CSEs and 'O' levels will be among those sent home.

Inquiries among the 13 authorities affected by last week's strikes suggest that they are well supported and highly disruptive. Even Dudley in the west Midlands, where the teachers are traditionally regarded as moderate, said that the strikes had caused hundreds of children from primary and secondary schools to be sent home.



Alliance attacks defence 'smear'

By Robin Oakley
Political Editor

Dr David Owen appeared last night to have been the victim of a Tory stratagem which has enabled the Conservatives to turn defence into a front-line election issue.

However an angry Dr Owen saw it as an issue involving the Prime Minister's personal integrity and the willingness of the Tories to fight a dirty campaign using what he called a "foul smear".

In an angry exchange of letters he accused the Prime Minister of dishonouring her office. In return she accused the Alliance of having an irresponsible defence policy which would destroy Britain's deterrent.

Mrs Thatcher continued to label the Liberals, although not the SDP, as unilateralists, and maintained that there was "little to choose" between the Alliance and Labour on defence. She suggested that the Alliance defence policy was a bogus affair cobbled together for the sake of party unity.

The dispute centred on the Conservative election manifesto, containing passages which effectively labelled the Alliance as both unilateralists and fellow-travellers, and on a Conservative party political broadcast which made prominent use of the Union Jack.

At his morning press conference, Dr Owen revealed a letter he had sent to the Prime Minister demanding that she withdraw the comments about the Alliance. He accused her of bringing dishonour to the post of Prime Minister by what he called "deeply offensive" charges against the SDP and Liberals.

Mr Steel said that Mrs Thatcher should not have allowed the language used in the manifesto. "I put it kindly that she allowed it, I don't know whether she prompted it", he said.

Dr Owen also criticized the Conservatives for trying to suggest in Tuesday night's party political broadcast that they were the only patriotic party. "It really is sticking in our gullet this belief that only the Tories understand the national interest, only the Tories are patriotic", he said.

Whatever his own differences with Labour on defence it was a "deep insult" to them too to imply that Labour Party supporters were not patriotic.

"You do begin to wonder whether Mrs Thatcher is now claiming credit for winning the Second World War. There is this extrordinary claim that the Union Jack belongs to the Tory Party, that patriotism is

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A son's salute: John Kiser stands hand on heart as his father's coffin passes by in Bahrain yesterday.

Stark captain had warning of 'just seconds'

Bahrain (Reuter) — The captain of the USS Stark said yesterday that his crew had only seconds' warning, and were activating anti-missile defences, when the first of two projectiles smashed into the frigate.

Captain Glenn Brindel, in his first public statement on the Iraqi attack which killed 37 of his crew, told a news conference: "We did not realize a missile had been fired until it was too late to engage it."

He was speaking about four hours after a military C-141 Starlifter left Bahrain on the way to the United States with the bodies of 35 sailors. Two other seamen are missing, presumed dead.

A senior Pentagon official, Rear Admiral Grant Sharp, was due in Bahrain to head an investigation into the attack, which both Iraq and the United States have described as an unintentional error.

Captain Brindel said his crew was activating anti-missile defences in the seconds after a lookout spotted an incoming projectile and phoned his warning to the ship's combat information centre.

The captain said he was in the vicinity of the centre when the first missile struck, knocking out electronic equipment. Efforts were being made to reactivate the equipment when a second projectile hit about 30 seconds later.

Both missiles smashed into the port side of the Stark below the bridge, turning two crew comparments and the combat centre into infernos.

He repeated statements by the commander of US ships in the Gulf, Rear Admiral Harold Bernsen, that the frigate had had no reason to expect an Iraqi attack.

"There are numerous sorties of (Mirage) F-1 aircraft from Iraq, fighter aircraft from Iran that commonly come down through the Gulf and pass within close distances of our ships and ships of other allied navies," he said.

Giving the sequence of events, Captain Brindel said: "The ship had track on the Iraqi F-1 from as much as 200 or more miles away from Stark."

Two warnings were radioed to the approaching aircraft, but the ship received no response, he said. It was two to three minutes between the time the second warning was sent and the plane launched its missiles.

After the second warning, actions were taken to heighten weapons systems but the Phalanx anti-missile gun was only being switched from manual to automatic fire after the lookout spotted the approaching projectile.

There had been no radar indication that the aircraft had launched missiles or that they were locked onto the ship.

Damage assessment is under way. Navy officials expect the inspection to take a week or more before deciding on the future of the frigate.

Earlier., a shy five-year-old boy stood with admirals and captains to honour his father, one of the dead crewmen from the Stark.

John Kiser was on a visit with his mother Barbara to see his father, Senior Chief Petty Officer Steve Kiser, aged 34, when the ship was struck.

The mother and the boy are sending a letter of peace, and a New Testament in Arabic, to the Iraqi pilot who attacked the ship.

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Kuwaiti tankers to get US protection

From Michael Binyon, Washington

As the investigation got under way here and in Bahrain on the failure of the USS Stark to defend herself, the United States announced that it has reached agreement with Kuwait to protect Kuwaiti oil tankers. This puts the US in potential direct conflict with Iran.

Meanwhile, Mr Richard Murphy, an Assistant Secretary of State, said that 11 Kuwaiti oil tankers would now fly US flags, and the first of these could be operating in the Gulf "within weeks."

Calling the arrangement "an unusual measure to meet an extraordinary situation," he admitted that this would bring the US into direct conflict with Iran if a Kuwaiti tanker was attacked.

The announcement has run into increasing scepticism in Congress.

The White House yesterday confirmed reports that because of delay in approval from higher Saudi authority, two Saudi F15 fighters were unable to intercept the Iraqi plane after it had attacked the Stark. The lack of Saudi approval from authority on the ground may provoke an angry reaction in Congress.

The Saudi controller and American crew on board the Awacs surveillance plane had asked the Saudi sector command centre at Dahrain for authority to order the Saudi F15s to intercept the Iraqi F1 Mirage with the intention of forcing it down on Saudi territory.

Hattersley outlines wealth tax

The new wealth tax promised in the Labour Party manifesto would affect only a handful of individuals, Mr Roy Hattersley, Labour's Treasury spokesman, said yesterday (Our Political Editor writes).

He made clear that the level at which Labour's tax increases on the better-off would begin to be felt would be at £500 per week.

Labour does not expect to raise much revenue from the wealth tax.

Mr Hattersley said: "We'll get the Duke of Westminster and one or two others", but the tax would be introduced, he said, for the sake of equity rather than as a contribution to the Exchequer.

"It could only possibly be levied on very large, very substantial amounts of capital indeed".

Mr Hattersley refused to name a starting point for the tax, saying that the only extra employment that he and Mr Kinnock did not wish to create was that in the tax-evasion industry.

He confirmed, however, that the tax would not catch those who inherited a good house in London of which the value had appreciated considerably since their parents bought it 50 years ago.

The level of a wealth tax "has got to be much higher than that", Mr Hattersley said.

Mr Hattersley was speaking after reports that Mr Kinnock and he had been using different figures for the level of income to be affected.

Labour proposes to reverse Conservative tax cuts and raise £3.6 billion a year for an anti-poverty programme.

Polls show Tories are holding firm

By Our Political Editor

The latest opinion polls published today suggest that support for the Conservative Party is holding firm after an initial wobble. But Labour is continuing to inch up.

A Gallup poll for the today's *Daily Telegraph* measures support for the parties at Conservatives 42 per cent, Labour 33, and Alliance 23.

This shows the Alliance well down on the last Gallup poll in which it was in second place. The Gallup poll was based on a larger than normal sample of 2,640 voters.

Gallup also carried out a survey among 1,400 voters in 72 marginal constituencies. That gave the Conservatives 42 per cent, Labour 32, and Alliance 23. It will be a disappointment to Labour that its voting support is no better in the seats which it must win to have any chance of forming a government.

An NOP poll in marginal seats published in *The Independent* todaymeasures support for the parties at Conservatives 41 per cent, Labour 33, and Alliance 23.

The figures fall into a pattern with other polls in the past few days suggesting that Labour has been starting to close the gap on the Conservatives. But it has to be emphasized that the retreats and advances for all the parties so far have been within the margin of error of 3 per cent on any single party's vote.

Conservative strategists claim to be unworried by the move in Labour's favour in the polls so far.

Advice for Catholic voters

Bishops set poll guidelines

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

Roman Catholics have been urged by their bishops not to decide how they vote in the coming election on the basis of "single issue politics", such as how candidates regard the morality of abortion.

Instead they are advised to take account of a variety of issues ranging from unemployment to Northern Ireland.

In the most comprehensive political analysis issued by the Roman Catholic Church prior to any election, the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales states: "In today's complex society the decision how to vote should normally be based upon a party's complete programme".

Among the issues which they suggest voters should raise with candidates are:

The stability of family life
"Widespread" poverty
Reducing unemployment
Support for church schools
"Sufficient and adequate" housing
Safeguarding the NHS
Correcting the disadvantages of ethnic minorities
Safety of nuclear energy
Support for the Anglo–Irish agreement
Abortion and legal protection for the embryo
Overseas aid
Retention of the nuclear deterrent.

The statement from the bishops is conspicuously neutral about the morality of Britain's continued possession of nuclear weapons.

"Society has a responsibility to all its members," they state. "Catholics recognizing that all are members of one another must be concerned with the well-being of all and cannot conscientiously cast their vote purely for motives of self-interest."

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The Queen fulfils key role over Fiji

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

The Queen was being kept in constant touch with events in Fiji yesterday as the risk of a constitutional crisis reappeared only 24 hours after it had receded.

She is thought to be playing a key role in resolving the gravest threat to any of the 18 nations of which she is head of state, since the American intervention in Grenada in 1983.

There are fears that the islands' tribal chiefs may force her Governor-General to accept constitutional changes which would be seen as undemocratic by other Commonwealth countries.

Through her Private Secretary, Sir William Heseltine, she is said to have been in repeated contact with the Governor-General, Ratu Sir Penaia Ganilau, with the Prime Ministers of Australia and New Zealand, and with the Secretary-General of the Commonwealth.

It is strongly believed in Fiji that she has spoken in person with her Ratu Ganilau on at least one and possibly two occasions, using a secure radio link. Having visited Fiji six times, she knows Ratu Ganilau well. Neither Buckingham Palace nor the Governor's office would confirm or deny the reports.

The first direct or indirect contact is likely to have been last Thursday morning, a few hours after Lieutenant-Colonel Sitiveni Rabuka and a handful of troops seized power. The coup happened at 11 pm London time on Wednesday and Whitehall knew of it by 1.30 am on Thursday. The Palace is thought to have received the information direct from Suva, not via the Foreign Office.

Sir William, who has accompanied her to Fiji four times, in 1970, '73, '77 and '82, is understood to have been her main channel of contact.

The Fijian constitution requires her to be advised by the Governor-General and Fiji's elected Government, but the arrest of the Prime Minister, Dr Timoci Bavadra, and his

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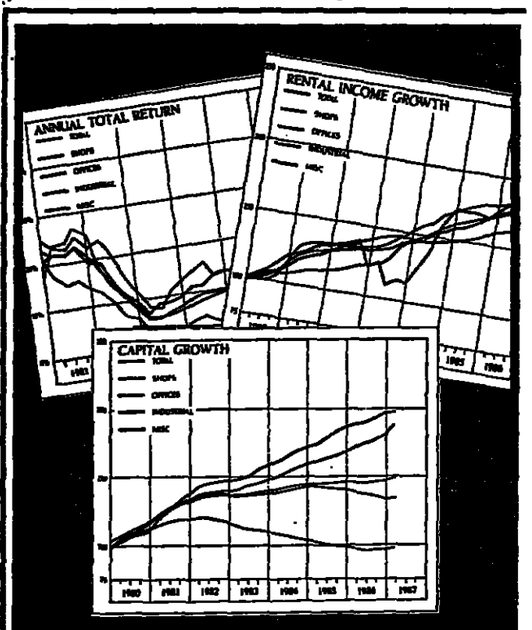
Proctor pleads guilty

Mr Harvey Proctor, the former Conservative MP for Billericay, was fined a total of £1,450 yesterday after he admitted committing four acts of indecency with two underage homosexual prostitutes.

Mr Proctor, aged 40, who admitted at Bow Street Magistrates' Court that he caned the two boys at his flat in Fulham, west London, was ordered to pay £250 costs.

He had announced at the weekend that he would not be standing again as a parliamentary candidate.

Sir David Napley, for Proctor, said: "The man has devoted the whole of his life to politics . . . he has got very little future."



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Modern science convicts Richard III of murder

By Norman Hammond
Archaeology Correspondent

New evidence suggests that the skeletons long-reputed to be those of the "Princes in the Tower" are indeed the remains of King Edward V and his brother Richard, Duke of York, and that the man blamed for their murders, King Richard III, was guilty.

If the skeletons found in the Tower are those of the little princes, and the dental and skeletal evidence strongly supports that identification, the date of death can also be calculated. The most likely date would be some time in 1484 which would be compatible with the Great Chronicle of London, compiled some 20 years later, which said that after Easter 1484 there was "much whispering among the people that the King had put the children to death".

It would rule out two of the three most-canvassed perpetrators of the murders: the Duke of Buckingham, executed for high treason in 1483, and Henry VII, who did not win control of the tower until August 1485.

While Shakespeare's image of Richard III as a monstrous killer has been strongly challenged by historians, a new study of the bones indicates that it is based in fact.

The skeletons were found in a wooden chest buried in the Tower of London in 1674, and were immediately assumed, without further evidence, to be those of the two princes, the sons of Edward IV who died in 1483. They were buried in Westminster Abbey in a marble urn, and the remains were examined in 1933 by Mr Lawrence Tanner and Professor William Wright.

They concluded that the skeletons were likely to be those of the princes, and that they had died in the summer of 1483, shortly after Richard III's coronation, but some of their assessments, including the presence of bloodstains due to smothering and even the age of the elder child's skeleton, were subsequently challenged. Moreover, as the historian Paul Murray Kendell pointed out, many people had been buried in the tower over the centuries, and there was no firm evidence that the skeletons were of the fifteenth century.

The new evidence makes the case much less circumstantial: the crucial data comes from the skeleton of Lady Anne Mowbray, daughter of the Duke of Norfolk and married at the age of six to the four-year-old Richard, Duke of York, in 1478, three years before her death. Her lead coffin was found in London in 1965 and a full analysis of the bones was carried out before she was reburied. Since she was known to have been a month short of her ninth birthday when she died, such vital factors as the rate of growth of long bones and the pattern of eruption of adult teeth can be pinned down precisely.

Dr Theya Molleson, of the Natural History Museum, has compared

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NEWS SUMMARY

'Bullied' driver cleared of charge

A motorist whose breath test showed him to be well over the limit was cleared of a drink-drive charge yesterday because the police who arrested him behaved in an "oppressive" manner.

Police followed Mr Jit Singh Matto's Ferrari up the drive of his home in Wolverhampton after he failed to respond to their flashing "Police stop" light. They ignored his complaint that they were on private property and took him to a police station for the breath test. Later the town's magistrates fined him £100, with £150 costs, and banned him from driving for 18 months. An appeal to Wolverhampton Crown Court was dismissed.

But yesterday two High Court judges quashed his conviction and awarded him costs out of public funds. Lord Justice Woolf said: "It is quite clear that the officers were behaving in an oppressive manner". They accepted that the breath test evidence was inadmissible because the police officers had knowingly trespassed on his property unlawfully and so behaved oppressively.

Honour for Getty

Mr John Paul Getty Jnr, the multi-millionaire, is to be honoured by Prince Charles for his help in saving art treasures for Britain.

Mr Getty has donated almost £70 million to British museums and art galleries in recent years.

He has been named Benefactor of the Year by the National Art Collections Fund. He will receive an award at a dinner at the Savoy Hotel on June 3, when Prince Charles will present him with what the fund will only describe as a "thing of beauty".

Pilot on the hop

An airline pilot had to alter course to avoid a huge inflatable kangaroo suspended from five helium-filled balloons, magistrates in Eastbourne, East Sussex, were told yesterday.

David Kirke, aged 41, chairman of the Dangerous Sports Club, of Shorrolds Road, Fulham, south-west London, was found guilty of flying the kangaroo balloon without a pilot's licence, fined £100, and ordered to pay £300 costs. Kirke, who said he did not realize he needed a licence, flew from Beachy Head to France last summer.

BMX murder quiz

Detectives hunting the murderer of Martin Butler, whose body was found in a shallow grave near a Buckinghamshire BMX bicycle track, were questioning a man last night.

The boy, aged 12, of Bank Street, High Wycombe, had been fishing at a pond close to his home when he disappeared.

His body was found the next day on a footpath and had been partly buried. A post mortem examination revealed that he had been beaten with a heavy stone.

Shooting inquiry



A man was being questioned last night about the fatal shooting of a woman in a hospital casualty ward.

Carolyn Myland, aged 24, (right) was shot in the chest at the Lister Hospital, Stevenage, Hertfordshire.

Miss Myland, who was about to leave for Australia, had been taken to the hospital after being allegedly stabbed by the man.

The man, who has not been named, was released on bail two weeks ago after being charged with assault causing actual bodily harm.

Paper faces takeover

Mr Owen Oyston looks set to become proprietor of the ailing *News on Sunday*, the new left of centre newspaper.

Mr Oyston, a millionaire who made his fortune with estate agencies in the Blackpool area, is negotiating to take over the newspaper which was launched three weeks ago.

Last week, Mr Oyston, a board member, rescued the newspaper with a six-figure sum. Yesterday the *News on Sunday* announced that it had received a second "cash boost" from Mr Oyston and a second undisclosed board member.

An announcement is expected by next Tuesday on long-term rescue plans. A company official said: "There is a proposal that Mr Oyston becomes the proprietor."

Prison officers warn of a drugs crisis

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs Correspondent

More than half the prison population in England and Wales are thought to be involved with drug abuse, the Prison Officers' Association conference in Southport, Merseyside, was told yesterday.

The prison department was accused of having an irresponsible attitude to the drugs problem, leaving officers in danger.

Meanwhile leaders of the association threatened a ballot for industrial action unless proposals of better pay for officers are speeded up, and called for a meeting with Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary.

Mr Phil Hornsby, assistant secretary of the Prison Officers' Association, speaking on the drugs issue, told the conference that :25,000 men and women were using, holding or dealing in drugs in prisons.

"If something is not done soon there will be total anarchy in our prisons."

The estimates are made by the association's leadership with information from members in jails.

Mr Howard Davidson, of Liverpool prison, said there had been a big increase in drug finds there from 12 in 1981 to 164 in 1986. Cannabis, heroin and amphetamines were used.

Mr Davidson denied afterwards that any prison officer would be involved. He said that it was because of officers' diligence that drugs were being discovered.

He said the most popular method of passing drugs was during visits.

One way of transferring them was by tying a knot in a balloon, leaving a pocket at the end, and cutting it away so that it could be given into the mouth by a kiss for later use. It could either be carried in the mouth or swallowed, to work its way through the system.

The conference called on the Home Office to stop permission for food and consumer goods to be brought in by visitors for prisoners.

Officers also called for the setting up of regional drug analysis units. Mr Hornsby said later that food was brought in only for unconvicted prisoners. Mr Geoff Greening, of Ashford Remand Centre, Surrey, told the conference that one substance sent from there for analysis in January was returned proved positive in April. By then the inmate had gone.

He added: "The Prison Department's attitude to the drugs problem is irresponsible".

On the question of pay, the association's leaders say that officers are being treated unjustly in comparison with management.

CPSA delays result of poll

By Tim Jones and Roland Rudd

Members of the national executive committee of the Civil and Public Services Association last night decided to delay announcing the results of union elections in which moderates could have lost to the hard left.

The national executive of the 146,000-strong Whitehall union also decided to recommend strike action when it ballots its members on further industrial disruption just before the general election.

The election result delay arises from a dispute over the whereabouts of about 5,500 votes from between 60 and 80 branches.

Union officials have been blaming a Datapost strike for the fact that the ballot papers were not received in time, but the Post Office insists that every package has been accounted for.

Early returns from the election indicated that Mr John Macreadie, a Militant supporter, would be successful in his fight for the post of deputy general secretary. Last year, he lost his post as general secretary after a re-run election following allegations of malpractice.

The CPSA's national executive decided to recommend strike action after talks with the Treasury over the Government's 4.25 per cent pay offer broke down.

The Society of Civil and Public Servants will almost certainly take similar action.

Mr Terry Ainsworth, CPSA deputy general secretary, does not think that industrial action by his union will damage the Labour Party, but Mr Larry Whitty, Labour's general secretary, has made it clear that industrial action is not in Labour's best interests. "Strike action during the election campaign will not do the party any good", he said.

Labour is hoping the TUC will be able to persuade the unions to suspend their action during the election campaign.

● The Post Office yesterday gave a warning of delays to mail from overseas because of continuing industrial action by customs officers at sorting offices.

Snail test could help cancer patients

By Pearce Wright
Science Editor

An advance in predicting the chances of survival of women with breast cancer has been developed by scientists at the Middlesex Hospital in London. It involves the use of a substance from the edible snail, *Helix pomatia*.

Previously, doctors had no way of telling whether a patient would live for a few months or for 20 years. About 24,000 women develop breast cancer each year.

The discovery should reassure thousands of women each year that their cancer is not particularly aggressive. At the same time, women at greatest risk could be identified and given more intensive treatment to improve their chances of survival.

Details of the research by Dr Anthony Leathem, a lecturer in pathology, and Susan Brooks, a research assistant, backed by the Cancer Research Campaign, are contained in a paper in the medical journal, *The Lancet*.

The diagnosis depends on analysing cells from a breast tumour under the microscope. A solution containing lectin, derived from edible snails, is applied to cancerous breast tissue. A colour change pinpoints one particular sugar from the hundreds on the surface of the cells of the breast tissue.

The presence of this sugar is believed to signal the spread of the tumour, thereby pointing to higher risk patients.

Miss Brooks said the simple colour change to brown or red could be seen in the case of aggressive tumours. "The technique is extremely reliable."

She and Dr Leathem have tested their method on stored tissues of 180 patients who were treated for breast cancer between 1967 and 1972 and monitored up to 20 years.

They found that 80 per cent of pre-menopausal women without the cancer sugar were still alive and free of disease after 15 years. Virtually all those with the cancer sugar were dead.

A further study using the records of 350 patients "shows even more startling results".

The researches are now testing the tissue of new patients at the Middlesex and University College hospitals.

Police demand jail terms to deter attacks on officers

By Stewart Tendler

A campaign for mandatory prison sentences for serious attacks on police was launched by the Police Federation at its annual conference in Blackpool yesterday.

The conference demanded "protection for the protectors".

It supported a motion calling on the next home secretary to provide legislation forcing the courts to imprison anyone convicted of causing actual bodily harm to an officer on duty.

Another problem highlighted at the conference was that of manpower shortages. Mr Leslie Curtis, chairman of the federation, said they were overloaded with new duties and, while the public wanted to see police on the streets, "in too many areas where they are most needed the police are conspicuous by their absence".

The police constantly faced violence and had to balance the fight against crime with the policing demands of public order. Calls for more officers were resisted.

Mr Curtis said: "We go back to the problem that so long as the police are denied the manpower they require they will never be able to establish an effective presence in the areas where the public is most at risk".

He criticized the "somewhat complacent attitude" of Home Office ministers about manpower. "Meanwhile, the current situation facing the police service is more serious than at any time in our history". Crime was up and detection down.

Several speakers pointed to the menace posed by attacks on police and forecast that more than 16,000 officers would be assaulted this year.

One speaker said that WPC Caroline Glover, an officer in Bristol, had been assaulted 13 times in five years. Another said that his uniform, once a deterrent to offenders, had become "nothing more than a gymnasium punchbag".

Concern was also voiced about the increasing use of knives, and there were complaints about the restrictions put on police to carry out searches in the street by the Police and Criminal Evidence Act.

One officer from London said that in Lambeth, which includes the Brixton area, there were 890 offences involving knives in 1985, compared with 560 for the whole of Merseyside.

Figures from forces such as Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire, South Wales and Avon and Somerset were produced to support the motion. The conference was told that in one part of Bristol almost half of the officers were assaulted last year.

(The assaults were suffered by the A Division which polices much of the shopping and entertainment centre of Bristol as well as the St Paul's district, which has twice been the scene of serious public disorder.)

PC Robert Shields from Northumbria said that while those who carried out the attacks were walking free, paying off fines at £5 a week for a year, "their victims are often deprived of their occupations and pay for the rest of their lives".



WPC Caroline Glover and her police-officer husband, Ian, who have both suffered a series of attacks while on duty in Bristol.

Down but not out on a Bristol beat

By Ruth Gledhill

Life as a police officer has not been easy for Caroline Glover.

In less than six years as an officer in Bristol, WPC Glover, aged 24, has suffered dislocated bones, severe bruising and stomach injuries from a total of 13 assaults.

Her husband, PC Ian Glover, has been her main source of comfort – when he is not in hospital.

He has suffered a punctured lung, been hit in the face by a brick, knocked unconscious by football hooligans and survived an attempt by one to tear off his nose.

The plight of the battered couple was highlighted at the annual conference of the Police Federation in Blackpool to illustrate the increase in attacks on police officers.

PC Glover was last year awarded the Lord Hylton Bravery Award after being stabbed in the back with a kitchen knife during the arrest of three men in the St. Paul's district of Bristol. His lung was punctured and he was off work for 10 weeks.

He said: "The assaults would never make me give up the force. Each time I move to a situation which looks as though it could be dangerous I block the thought out of my mind.

"I love the job. That's why I do it. When I receive awards it makes me think perhaps it is all worthwhile."

His wife added: "It would take an awful lot to make me give it up".

Kimberley inquiry welcomed

By Michael Horsnell

Mr Martin Ruddock, the social services team manager at the centre of the Kimberley child abuse case, yesterday welcomed the inquiry into the death of the girl.

"As a public servant it is right that I should be held to account for the way in which I discharged my responsibilities, particularly when the death of a child is involved", he said.

Mr Ruddock said he had not been represented at the Central Criminal Court trial of Kimberley's stepfather, Nigel Hall, who was jailed for life, and her mother, Pauline Carlile, who was jailed for 12 years. His evidence had been confined to the charges against the two on the judge's orders.

Mr Ruddock admitted during the nine-day trial that he had been prevented by Hall from seeing Kimberley, and had failed to take any action in the two months before the girl's death.

"At the request of my former employers, the London borough of Greenwich, I have made no comment on the main issues and I will reserve my detailed defence for the formal inquiry, which I hope will take place as soon as possible", he said.

Mr Ruddock has since taken up a new job with a charity which aims to help distressed families.

The inquiry, to be led by Mr Louis Blom-Cooper, QC, will begin on June 1 with a preliminary hearing.

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Boycott threat to job training plan

By John Spicer, Employment Affairs Correspondent

The Government's job training scheme (JTS) has come in for more criticism with the launch of a campaign by Labour-controlled councils to boycott it.

The Centre for Local Economic Strategies is calling on authorities which have not yet taken a stand against JTS to refuse to agree to act as managing agents for the scheme, not to provide work experience or off the job training and to withhold practical, moral and financial support.

According to the centre, opposition to JTS is coming from local authorities, trade unions, voluntary organizations and from within the Manpower Services Commission, which sponsors it. Many local authorities and community groups are already refusing to co-operate with JTS.

Organizers of the boycott say theirs is not a negative campaign. They say many other, more worthwhile, MSC training schemes were being starved of finance to pay for JTS. They are against it, they say, because young people were being harassed to go on it and there was a very high drop-out rate.

Many critics, the centre says, point out that JTS participants on welfare benefits were working alongside employees paid at the rate for the job. JTS is not compulsory at present, but the campaigners fear that the Government could eventually make it so.

The TUC decided yesterday to postpone taking any stand on the JTS until after the general election.

Mr Norman Willis, TUC general secretary, said all aspects of such state-funded schemes would be examined before pronouncements were made.

It is understood that the decison not to discuss JTS was taken after representations from the Labour Party on the grounds that opposition might have been misunderstood. In addition, party strategists thought that TUC dissent might have detracted from the announcement of its own jobs strategy.

When newspapers are in contempt

Sir Michael Havers, the Attorney General, claimed in the High Court yesterday that newspapers which publish details which have been banned from other publications are guilty of criminal contempt.

Sir Nicholas Browne-Wilkinson, Vice Chancellor of the High Court, is being asked to decide a preliminary legal issue in criminal contempt proceedings being brought against three newspapers.

The Attorney General claims that *The London Evening Standard*, *London Daily News* and *The Independent* are in contempt by publishing details from the book by Mr Peter Wright, the former MI5 officer, in the knowledge that injunctions were in force against *The Guardian* and *The Observer*.

Mr John Laws, representing Sir Michael, said: "The Attorney General's initial case is that these publications, attributing as they did a great deal of detailed allegations to the pen of Mr Wright, thwart the injunctions made last year and upheld by the Court of Appeal by doing the very thing Mr Justice Millett and the Court of Appeal decided should not be done".

An application by *The Guardian* and *The Observer* to vary or lift the injunctions has been adjourned pending the outcome. The hearing continues today.

Missing scientist seen

Mr Avtar Singh-Gida, the missing defence scientist whose disappearance has been linked with the mystery deaths of several scientists working on sensitive projects, has been seen in Paris.

But he fled after being approached by journalists from his home town of Derby.

Mr Singh-Gida, aged 26, disappeared last January

Derby police were told he was working in a boutique in Paris but before police acted, a reporter and photographer confronted him.

Derby CID said Mr Singh-Gida was not wanted for any offence.

Johnston goes his own way

Brian Johnston, the BBC cricket commentator, recorded his 733rd and final *Down Your Way* programme for Radio 4 at Lord's Cricket Ground yesterday.

Mr Johnston, now entering his forty-second summer as a BBC cricket commentator, has covered 52 Test matches from Lord's and has lived close to the ground for 39 years. "I used to be able to walk down from my house in my pads and have a net", he said.

He chose to bow out with 733 programmes of *Down Your Way* on the board in tribute to his predecessor, Franklin Engelmann, who died in 1972 after presenting the same number.

"It was an idea I borrowed from John Francome when he hung up his saddle in the middle of an afternoon's racing in 1982, rather than overtake the total of wins Peter Scudamore had set before he was injured and could not race again", he said.

Mr Johnston and his producer, Anthony Smith, who is also leaving the programme, disclosed that only three out of more than 3,000 interviews they had recorded together had not been used, and that neither had missed a programme because of illness.

They said that the funniest thing that happened to them was getting stranded on a mudbank in the river Fal when recording an interview with the Falmouth harbour master.

For his final session yesterday, Brian Johnston sported his yellow and red MCC tie and the brown and white shoes which he habitually wears "to bring England Test match luck and for big cricketing occasions". This, he explained, was a big cricketing occasion.

Mr Johnston, who will be aged 75 on Midsummer's Day, promised that the BBC archive would not be caught out by the musical request of Mr Stephen Green, the Lord's museum curator: "Anything by the Northamptonshire singer Gervase Elwes, who I have never heard".

***Down Your Way* will be off the air for several months after the Lord's programme is broadcast on Sunday at 5.05pm, with a repeat on Monday at 11am. When it returns it is likely to have several different presenters, and no musical requests.**

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Husband wins back family home from his mother-in-law

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

A man whose former wife killed herself and their children after they were divorced has won the family home back from his mother-in-law after a ruling in the House of Lords.

But in another ruling yesterday the law lords rejected a divorced woman's appeal over rules which saw her share of the family home taken up by legal aid costs.

The woman is likely to receive no more than £2,500 from her £16,715 share of the property and may be left homeless. The five law lords recommended speedy changes to remove a "grotesque" anomaly in the legal aid regulations.

In the earlier ruling Mr David Barder, a stockbroker, was reinstated as the owner of his former home, worth £200,000, at Hartley Wintney in Hampshire.

Mr Barder gave the five-bedroom home to his former wife, Christina, aged 32, as part of the financial settlement of their divorce in 1984. She killed herself, their son, aged nine, and daughter, aged six, in March 1985. She had bequeathed the house to her mother, Mrs Jacqueline Caluori.

Mr Barder tried to retrieve it and his appeal against the divorce settlement was allowed by Judge Smithies at Basingtoke County Court in September 1985. But in May of last year the Court of Appeal gave the house back to Mrs Caluori.

Three Court of Appeal judges upheld the will by a majority decision and ruled that the legal time limit for the husband to have appealed against the transfer had expired.

But yesterday five law lords disagreed. Lord Brandon said the deaths were a new event since the divorce settlement and the judge held discretion over whether to allow an appeal out of time. There could be no doubt that the basis for the divorce settlement was that the wife and children would require a suitable home.

In the second ruling Lord Bridge of Harwich expressed concern that the administration of the legal aid scheme "should have been disfigured for so long by the arbitrary and capricious impact" of the so-called statutory charge or "clawback".

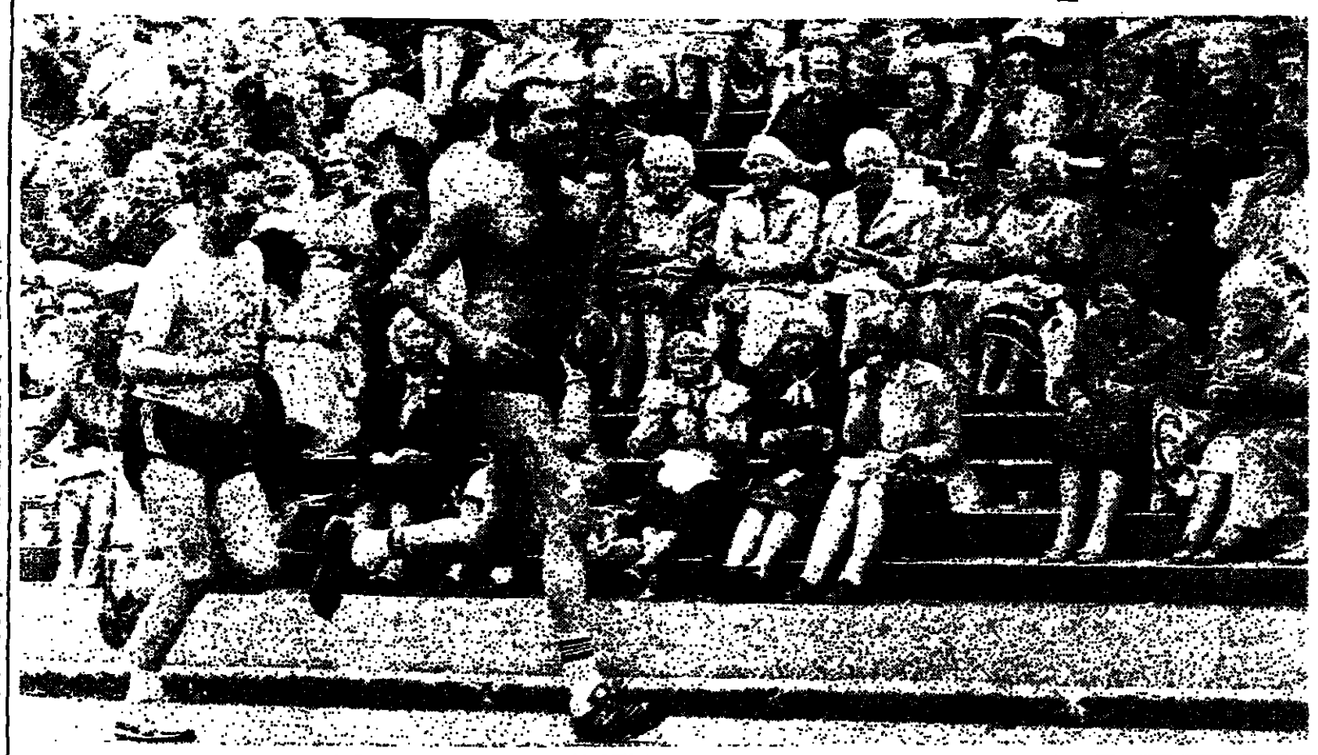
This varied according to the form or the order by which a spouse recovers property representing a share in the matrimonial home and he called for no further delay in reforming the rules.

Mrs Marion Simpson (now Coe), of St Clair Gardens, Millport, Isle of Cumbrae, Scotland, was legally-aided like many other wives in dispute over their share of the home on divorce. The services of lawyers were free or at greatly reduced fees but once the house in dispute was sold the legal costs had to be repaid to the Law Society.

In Mrs Simpson's case those exceeded the net amount of £10,784 she was entitled to receive under a divorce judge's order, which was in addition to her £16,715 half-share of her formerly joint-owned house, The Haven, South Heath Sound, Nantwich, Cheshire.

She took court proceedings against the Law Society and sought a declaration that it had a discretion to delay payment of the legal aid by substituting for it a charge over the new home she would be buying.

Townswomen's time out from politics



By Paul Vallely

Two joggers ran into a picnic of political issues yesterday when the annual conference of the National Union of Townswomen's Guilds paused for lunch at the Albert Memorial in Hyde Park, London.

Yet for once the politicians were distinguished by their absence. Mrs Thatcher, Lady Phillips and Dame Jill Knight all tendered their apologies as vice-presidents of the Townswomen's Guild and pleaded pressing engagements elsewhere.

They might have been closer to the electoral pulse had they chosen to attend.

The tone of the conference was defiantly anti-election.

Enthusiastic applause greeted Princess Anne, the Townswomen's patron, when she said: "I'll probably be hanged, drawn and quartered for saying so but there's so much being said, so much written and so much seen on the subject of politics and everything that goes with it I just worry that people are going to be bored to tears by the time the election comes".

True, there were references to certain Guilds as "extreme left", "half-left" and "half-right", but those had to do with the seating plan.

Yet the motions before the 5,000 delegates and observers were touchstones of popular political concern.

Half of Britain's beaches are sub-standard, the Townswomen agreed, and demanded a £1 billion programme to clean up the coast.

They were in a mood for increased public expenditure on Well Women Clinics, for the early diagnosis of cervical cancer and other illnesses. Law and order issues drew a more Tory tone. There were demands for minimum sentences of 10 years, without remission, for rape. Rapists had no souls, the conference was told.

The Alliance flag was raised with a call for a Freedom of Information Act to give access to non-computerized files.

Most people voted in favour of most of the motions. Among the Guildswomen of Britain, at any rate, the consensus of decency still pertains.

Surgeon predicts more live donors

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

At least half the hearts taken from heart and lung transplant patients could be healthy enough to be used in other people, surgeon Professor Magdi Yacoub predicts.

He estimates that hearts taken from the 40-50 people receiving double transplants at Harefield Hospital, west London, could boost the estimated numbers of heart transplants carried out this year from 100 to 120-130.

Professor Yacoub was speaking after carrying out a transplant operation involving a live donor at Harefield.

A man aged 28 was given a new heart and lungs, believed to be from an accident victim, and his original healthy heart was implanted in a man aged 46 on Sunday morning.

The two men, who have not been named are recovering well, the hospital said yesterday.

Professor Yacoub said that all hearts taken out in future lung heart transplants will be assessed to see whether they are suitable for donation.

The hospital said that patients waiting for heart transplants are now prepared for the operation if a suitable heart-lung donor is found.

The transplant team first take out the lung and then the heart of the person needing the double transplant. If the heart is healthy enough a separate team of surgeons perform the heart transplant in the patient waiting in an adjoining operating theatre. The patient is not anaesthetised for surgery until the transplant team assesses the donor heart.

Yesterday surgeons at Papworth Hospital, near Cambridge, said they would be prepared to use live donors if the opportunity with the right donor and recipient arose at the right time.

However, Mr John Wallwork, consultant transplant surgeon at the hospital said that he estimated the transplant team, which aims to carry out 15 heart lung transplants and 60 heart transplants this year, would only be able to use about 20 per cent of the potential donor hearts.

Mr Wallwork said that Papworth did not have the same facilities as Harefield. "We do not have the same adjoining theatres and we often do not have the beds or staff to carry out more operations."

Macmillan drug death 'accident'

By Ruth Gledhill

Rachel Macmillan, granddaughter of the former prime minister, Harold Macmillan, died from an "accidental" drugs overdose after a night on the town drinking champagne and peach nectar cocktails, Westminster coroners' court was told yesterday.

Miss Macmillan, aged 31, manager of a rock group, had not intended to kill herself when she took an overdose of anti-depressants at her Pimlico flat, Dr Paul Knapman, the Westminster coroner, said.

The inquest was told that Miss Macmillan, who had a 13-year history of drug and alcohol abuse, was hoping to have a good night's sleep and forget a mugging some hours earlier which left her "angry, bitter and upset".

She took between eight and 10 tablets of the drug amitriptyline, roughly five times the recommended dose, and died in hospital more than 10 hours later.

Medical tests showed that she had taken a small quantity of cocaine shortly before she died, but it did not contribute to her death.

Miss Macmillan survived an overdose of Valium 13 years ago and in 1977 she was admitted for treatment to the Priory Hospital, Roehampton, where she admitted using LSD, heroin and marijuana.

She had a second attempt at treatment at a Somerset clinic in March last year.

Mr Adam Macmillan, her brother, said that it was "fairly obvious she had been drinking" when he collected her from the police station after she reported that she had been mugged.

He said: "She rarely behaved particularly well when drunk. She would make terrible scenes. She changed moods two or three times in the car on the way back."

Dr Knapman said that the evidence pointed towards an "incautious overdose" brought on by "alcohol and by the general events of the day".

Det Chief Insp Douglas Old, of Rochester Row police station, said that no one had been arrested after the mugging.

Dikko 'did not benefit' from Nigerian bribery

By David Sapsted

The former Nigerian cabinet minister, Mr Umaru Dikko, did not benefit from the corruption and bribery that had been "part of Nigerian life since independence", an immigration hearing in London was told yesterday.

Giving evidence to the hearing, which is considering a Home Office refusal to give Mr Dikko political asylum, Mr Hume Shawcross, a British public relations consultant who worked for Mr Dikko's National Party of Nigeria during 1983, predicted that a show trial and a public execution were awaiting Mr Dikko if he returned home.

He said he knew of no evidence to support the current military regime's extradition charges, which were centred on a multimillion pound fraud allegedly perpetrated by Mr Dikko while he was in office.

Mr Shawcross admitted that vote-rigging had taken place during the 1983 elections for state officials, but claimed that the presidential elections, for which Mr Dikko had responsibility, "were not rigged".

He denied allegations from Mr Philip Trussler, a Home Office lawyer, that he was trying to portray Mr Dikko, who fled to Britain after the 1983 military coup and who survived a kidnap attempt the following year when police rescued him from a packing crate at Stansted airport, in as "rosy a light as possible".

The chief adjudicator, Mr Mark Patey, reserved judgement. A decision is not expected for at least a fortnight.

Zeebrugge inquiry

Driver's evidence ordered

By Andrew Morgan

Mr Jock Calderwood, the lorry driver who said he saw crew in the Herald of Free Enterprise banging the bow doors with metal objects to close them, has been summoned to appear before the inquiry this morning.

Mr Calderwood had been expected at the inquiry yesterday. But he was travelling from Belgium where he had gone to pick up his personal effects and had been at his home in Dagenham, east London, for only 10 minutes when court officers handed him the summons.

He admitted he would not have volunteered to give evidence to the inquiry because his reputation was at stake after an earlier witness had said he was a liar.

"My reputation will ride on this inquiry as well as the reputations of several other drivers on the ship with me. In some ways, this country's reputation is on the line as well", he said.

Mr Calderwood said his version of events was unchanged, claiming that the crew were having trouble closing the bow doors and that the ship should never have sailed.

"I will be putting the cat among the pigeons because most of the evidence so far has been a whitewash", he added.

"All hell will break loose when I get up on my feet."

● No unannounced spot checks on British cross-Channel passenger ferries are ever carried out by marine surveyors of the Department of Transport (Our Transport Correspondent writes).

This emerged yesterday at the sixteenth day of the inquiry into the disaster, when Mr Vincent Cochran, a chief surveyor at the Department of Transport's Marine Directorate, gave evidence.

Mr Cochran said since he became chief surveyor, no spot checks had been carried out on passengers numbers and no prosecutions had been brought for excess numbers.

Where they had had reports of excessive numbers on other types of vessel, they had had difficulty in obtaining evidence.

Mr Cochran said he did not have the staff or capability to carry out spot checks on cross-Channel ferries.

The inquiry has heard evidence of several ferries sailing with bow or stern doors open.

The inquiry was also given evidence of negotiations which began with the Belgian authorities in 1975 to have berths with two tiers constructed at Zeebrugge. It was because this had not been done that the Herald of Free Enterprise had to be ballasted before being loaded.

The meetings led to no action. The hearing continues.

— Portfolio Gold —

Surprise for grandsons

Two people share yesterday's Portfolio Gold prize, which was doubled to £8,000 as there was no winner on Tuesday.

They were: Mrs Doris Sutton, of Wychwood Avenue, Knowle, Solihull, West Midlands, and Mr Ian McCrae, of Fodderty Lodge, Dingwall, Ross and Cromarty, Scotland.

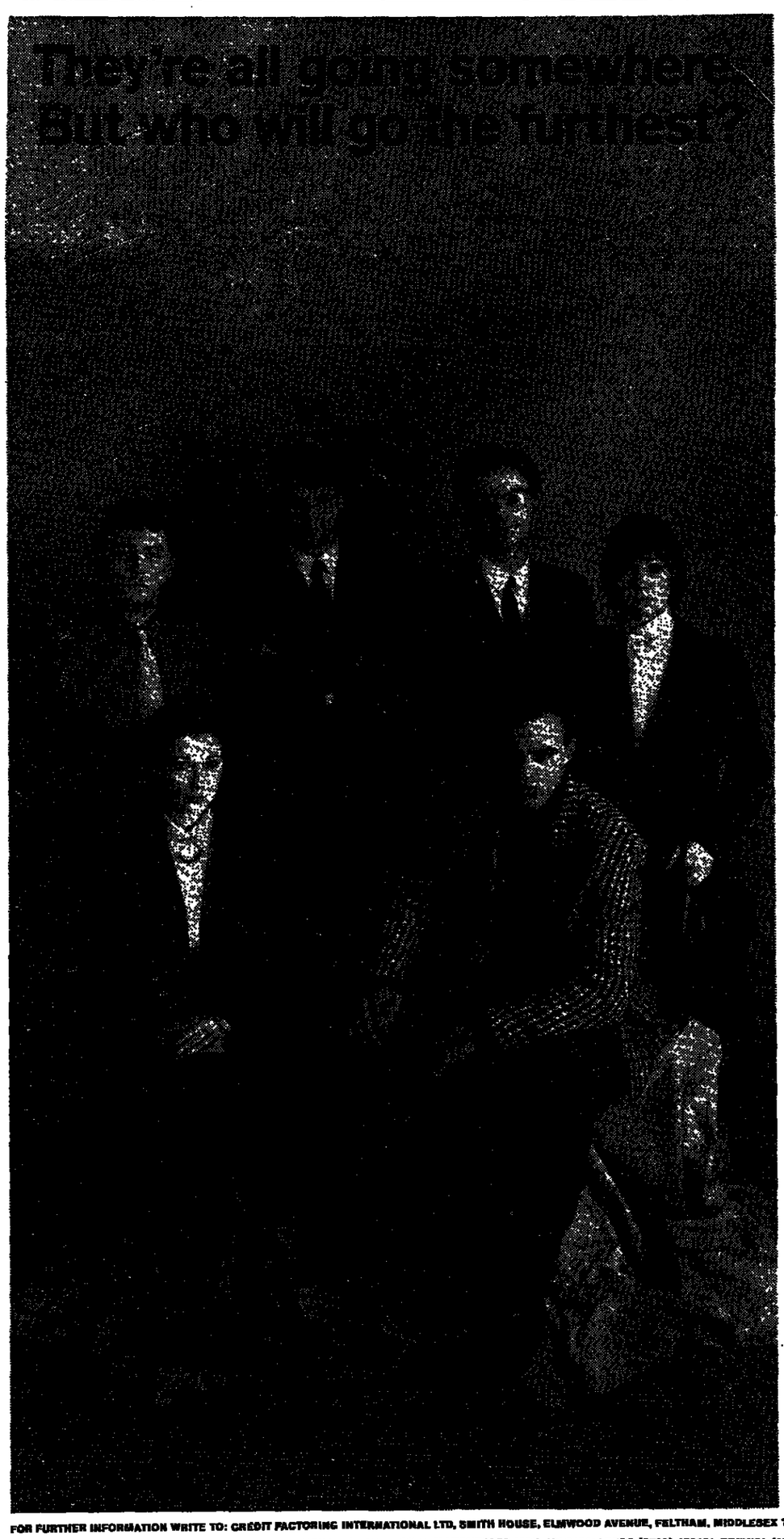
Mrs Sutton, a retired teacher, said she and her husband William, a retired civil servant, had been regular readers of *The Times* for more than 40 years.

She said: "I have been playing the competition since it started and I am hoping to share my good fortune with my two teenage grandsons who live in Windsor. I want it to be a surprise for them, but I have not yetdecided how to spend the money."

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Threat to end nuclear link

By Nicholas Wood
Political Reporter

A future Labour government would end the cross-Channel link by which Britain imports electricity generated by French nuclear power, it was disclosed yesterday.

It would also cancel the Sizewell B pressurized water reactor, stop the Central Electricity Generating Board from building new nuclear plants and start phasing out existing nuclear stations, beginning with the older Magnox plants.

But Mr Stanley Orme, Labour's energy spokesman, conceded that phasing out nuclear power would be complicated, expensive and time-consuming and would require a great deal of expertise.

Shutting down one Magnox plant would cost as much as £30 million, suggesting a total bill of about £300 million for Britain's 11 Magnox plants.

Nor could the cross-Channel link be switched off overnight because Britain was currently short of generating capacity and was importing two megawatts of electricity from France, the equivalent of the planned output of the Sizewell plant.

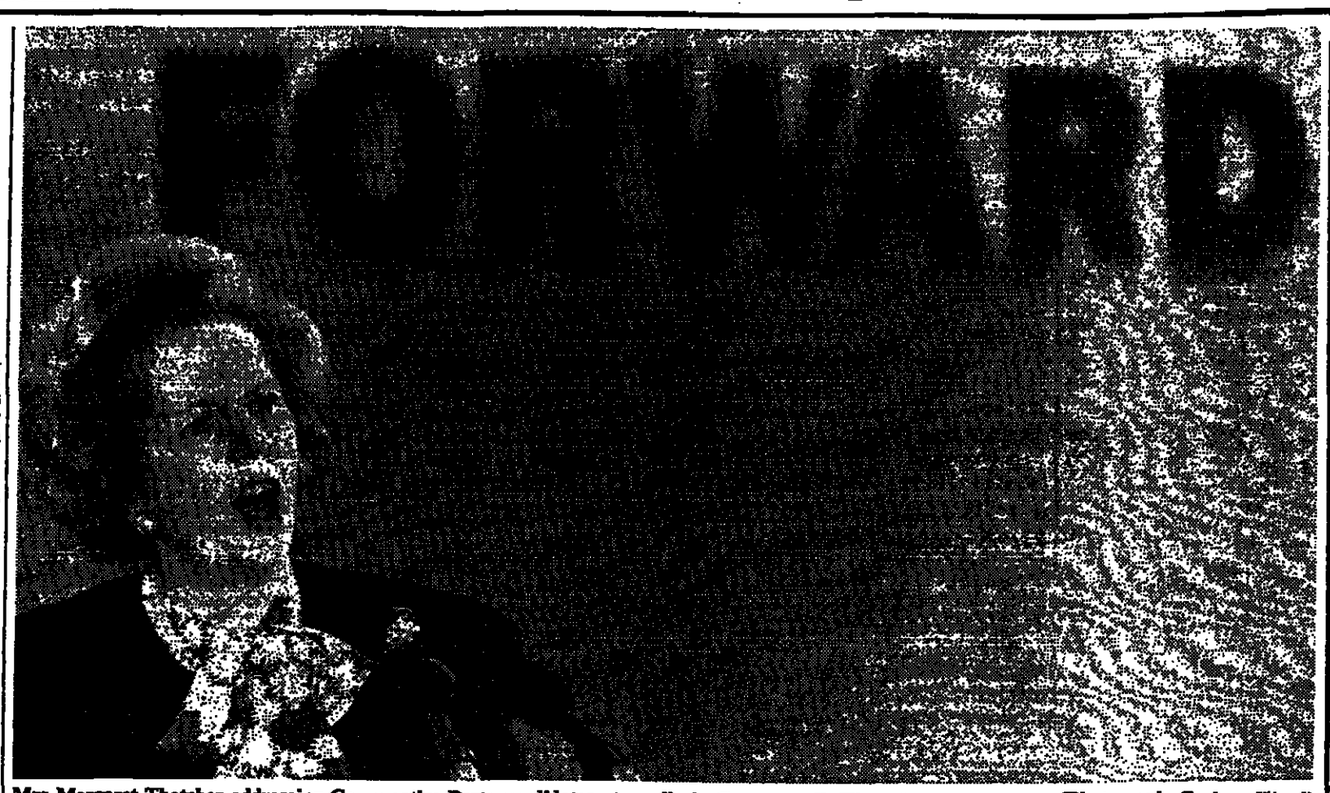
"The process will be gradual because nobody in the world has yet decommissioned a power station, Magnox, PWR or AGR. It's going to cost a lot of money, it will take time and a lot of expertise. It will need the reprocessing at Sellafield". Mr Orme said at the launch in London of Labour's energy policy, which proposes a big shift towards coal.

Mr Orme said that the two existing advanced gas-cooled plants at Heysham and Torness would continue until the end of their lifespan, but some Magnox reactors would "certainly" be shut down over the next 10 years.

He denied that the jobs of 100,000 people in the nuclear industry would be in jeopardy because their skills would be needed to carry through the lengthy changeover process. The Labour manifesto says that the few who would be displaced would be given "direct and real assistance" to find alternative livelihoods.

Mr John Edmonds, general secretary of the General and Muncipal Workers Union, and a member of Mr Neil Kinnock's election campaign committee, said the most important part of the policy was the emphasis on energy conservation and efficiency.

It would create up to 150,000 jobs, reduce energy costs by 5-10 per cent, ensure "warm homes" and "wipe out hypothermia".



Mrs Margaret Thatcher addressing Conservative Party candidates at a rally in Central Hall, Westminster, yesterday (Photograph: Graham Wood).

'Wicked' charge of uncaring Tories denied by Thatcher

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

The Prime Minister yesterday denounced as wicked the charge that the Conservative Party is uncaring and said it was the only party to enter the election having spelt out its full programme.

She sent her candidates into battle with a warning not to be diverted by the opinion polls or by the scare tactics of their opponents. She told them they had an awesome responsibility to take the Conservative message to the voters and that the election would not be won on television but on the doorsteps.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher, with most of her Cabinet sitting behind her, addressed several hundred candidates, including ministers, at a conference at Central Hall, Westminster.

She received quick confirmation that her election manifesto has gone down well inside the party. Enthusiastic cheering accompanied her description of the new policies, particularly on housing and education.

But she took head-on the two accusations that ministers are most anxious to deny — that the Conservatives are uncaring and that they have a "hidden" manifesto of policies they are not prepared to reveal.

Mrs Thatcher said the candidates should not be distracted from putting across the "positive, realistic, imaginative" Conservative message.

She said: "I do not believe that the electors will think we have a secret manifesto as Labour's increasingly wild charges have suggested. We are the only party that has had the courage to lay out our plans before the public."

She added that it must be the first election in history in which the Government was anxious to discuss its record.

But the choice between the voters was not between a caring party and uncaring one, she said.

"All decent people care about the sick, the unfortunate and the old. It is false and wicked to suggest otherwise," she said.

The real choice was between the opposition parties which wrung their hands because their economic failure had destroyed any hope of better care, and the Conservative Party which cared effectively because it could first deliver economic success.

The choice for the voters was either progress to prosperity with the Conservatives or a "journey back with Labour to a state-dominated society of decline, in which the trade union official or local authority officials controls our lives, or a slide slowly downhill with the Alliance telling us all will be well provided we compromise on every principle".

Voters had to ask themselves whether they wanted to put at risk all that had been achieved since 1979. Did they want to return to high inflation, unfettered trade union power and the economic decline which seemed inevitable until 1979?

Labour governments tried to spend money like confetti; they had soon found they had to print it like confetti, and before long people had found it had the same value as confetti.

Holding up the manifesto, Mrs Thatcher said that it was 77 pages of well thought-out, radical, imaginative policies.

It was a vision for a society in which people would own more property, acquire more independence and exercise greater choice in housing, education and other matters which shaped their lives. "Power to the people is more than a slogan. We want a world in which people will take the important decisions for themselves."

Candidates get terror warning

By a Staff Reporter

Conservative candidates were warned yesterday against careless talk which might help IRA terrorists to strike a blow during the general election campaign.

Mr Norman Tebbit, the party chairman, told candidates gathered in Central Hall, Westminster, for a rallying speech from the Prime Minister to be aware of the need for security against possible acts of terrorism.

His remarks disclosed the depth of concern in the Government about the possibility of an attack.

He told the candidates to be cautious in revealing details of visits to their constituencies by senior ministers who might be terrorist targets.

All candidates, including ministers and those seeking re-election as MPs, have received security briefings from Conservative Central Office. They have been told to ensure that every precaution is taken and that if there are any doubts to refer them immediately to central office.

Mr Tebbit, who was badly injured in the Brighton bombing, said: "The risk is there". They should read and act on the guidance they had received.

"Remember above all that advance information about the movements of those who might be terrorist targets is the vital ingredient of planning which we can deny or give to terrorist organizations."

All parties attacked on poverty

By Jill Sherman
Social Services Correspondent

The four main parties came under attack yesterday for failing to produce long-term plans to tackle poverty and deprivation in their manifestos.

Launching a campaign to put poverty high on the political agenda, Miss Ruth Lister, director of the Child Poverty Action Group, said that although one in three people were living in or close to poverty the Conservative Party had failed to address the issue at all.

The Alliance and Labour documents had given poverty a higher profile than in 1983 but had offered short-term solutions without providing a broader anti-poverty strategy. The Alliance's longer-term programme was tied up with integrating tax and benefit, rather than improvements in real income. Although Labour was pressing for a minimum wage, benefits would still be means tested, she said, a system which the CPAG has campaigned consistently against.

Miss Lister said that all parliamentary candidates would be tackled on the future of child benefit, reform of social security, low pay, the future of school meals, a fairer tax system and proposals for the long-term unemployed.

The organization says that between 1979 and 1983 the number of people living in or on the margins of poverty increased by 4.2 per cent.

ELECTION SUMMARY

Tebbit issues £500 advert challenge

Mr Norman Tebbit, the Conservative Party chairman, and the Labour leadership were in angry dispute last night over the latest Labour election advertisement.

Mr Tebbit issued a £500 challenge to Mr Neil Kinnock to produce a tape recording or transcript of words attributed to him. He told Mr Kinnock that he had repeatedly denied ever using the words: "If unemployment is not below three million in five years then I'm not worth re-electing."

Mr Tebbit said that if a recording or transcript was produced he would pay £500 to the charity of Mr Kinnock's choice. But Mr Bryan Gould, Labour's campaign coordinator, said that Mr Tebbit had not denied making the statement over a long period.

'Secret hopes'

Mr Neville Sandelson, a former Labour MP and founder-member of the SDP, yesterday claimed that Dr David Owen was secretly hoping for a Conservative victory on June 11.

Mr Sandelson said that a decisive victory for the Conservatives would pave the way for Dr Owen, the SDP leader, to shape a new opposition.

Another landslide for the Tories would allow a realignment of non-Tory opposition groups. It would be then that Dr Owen could form a serious alliance, taking some Liberals with him.

Music to Tory ears

Andrew Lloyd Webber has composed a theme tune for the Conservatives' election campaign. It is expected to introduced at the party's press conference tomorrow.

Labour played Brahms Anthem in D as Mr Neil Kinnock prepared to launch is party's manifesto on Tuesday. The Alliance has adopted Purcell's Trumpet Voluntary as its theme music.

Mr Norman Tebbit, Tory chairman, told a conference of Conservative candidates yesterday that the music was "brand new and not secondhand".

Clean-up challenge

Mrs Mary Whitehouse yesterday challenged Mr Neil Kinnock to say what Labour would do to curb pornography.

Mrs Whitehouse said: "It is hypocritical of Mr Kinnock to talk so much about morality and love when he has consistently refused to say what if any action he would take to control the pornography which causes so much suffering to many women and children".

She said her National Viewers' and Listeners' Association would challenge him "to come clean".

Schools attack

The Conservative manifesto commitment to allow state schools to opt out of local authority control would mean the return of selective education on a "massive scale", Dr David Owen said yesterday.

Dr Owen said in London that he found the Tory proposal revolutionary, but only in a reactionary sense.

An Alliance proposal allowing schools to become self-managing under the umbrella of council control of intake policies and numbers would amount to "genuine open choice", he said.

Liverpool six call for extreme policies

Six left-wing parliamentary candidates in Liverpool yesterday announced that they will call for the introduction of more extreme socialist policies if Labour wins the general election.

But the six declared they were content to fight their campaigns on Labour's official manifesto.

Mr Eric Heffer, a former shadow cabinet member, admitted that he, and the other Liverpool candidates, would have preferred more radical socialist policies. "As far as I'm concerned, the manifesto contains some good policies," he said, launching Labour's campaign in the city.

None of the candidates would be drawn on Alliance claims that Mr Kinnock was refusing to visit the city during the campaign for fear of being associated with far-left policies.

Nationalists agree on joint approach

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

The Scottish and Welsh nationalist parties formally sealed a parliamentary pact yesterday aimed at galvanizing their drive for sweeping constitutional changes.

They have agreed on a joint programme for the election campaign and for the new Parliament.

Yesterday their leaders, Mr Gordon Wilson, chairman of the Scottish National Party, and Mr Dafydd Elis Thomas, president of Plaid Cymru, signed the "historic" agreement in London.

They said it was "the only way to stop Thatcher" and that it would guarantee co-operation between Scottish and Welsh nationalist MPs and set a clear timetable for demands for constitutional, economic and social reform in the two countries.

Mr Wilson said: "Mrs Thatcher's first two governments were imposed on Scotland and Wales against the clear wishes of Scottish and Welsh majorities.

"To this democratic insult Mrs Thatcher has added the injury of social and economic policies which have favoured the well-heeled Tory voters of the south-east at the expense of the people of our two nations."

Mr Dafydd Elis Thomas said that Mrs Thatcher was on course for victory and that Labour would again be "totally powerless" to protect the two countries against renewed Conservative rule.

The SNP is hoping to increase its parliamentary strength from two to seven MPs, and Plaid Cymru from two to four.

Mr Wilson said he was "delighted" to find that — according to the latest opinion polls — its popular support was already five points higher than the 12 per cent it won in 1983.

The agreement says that if the nationalists hold the balance of power in a hung Parliament, they will make "constitutional advance" a pre-condition for supporting the opposition parties. They will not deal with the Conservatives because of their record in power and their "hostility" to any form of self-government.

The SNP wants a Scottish convention within the first six months of a new Parliament and implementation of its recommendations within an acceptable timetable. Plaid Cymru is pressing for a similar commitment to an elected Welsh senate with economic powers.

Tactical voting urged

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

TV87, an organization of academics and writers formed to help defeat the Conservative Government by publicizing the possibilities of tactical voting, claimed yesterday that the Conservatives would lose their overall majority if 26 per cent of voters were to vote tactically — switching behind either Labour or the Alliance according to which had the best chance of defeating the Conservative candidate — in about 70 seats.

The organization aims to spend some £10,000 alerting voters to the possibilities of tactical voting. It issued a list of 112 English seats vulnerable to such voting. 52 of them where Labour appears best placed to take the seat and 52 where the Alliance is the leading challenger. There was no clear main contender in the other eight.

TV87, which has no backing from any of the parties, said that its calculations were based on the 1983 election results, local government election results and other factors.

Labour trying to hold back Liberal East End advance

CONSTITUENCY PROFILE

Bow and Poplar

CANDIDATES
Ms M. Gordon (Lab)
E. Flounders (L/All)
D. Hughes (C)

1981 % Own Occ 5.6
1981 % Loc Auth 84.4
1981 % Black/Asian 15.4
1981 % Mid cl 37.7
1981 % Prof man 7.2
1983 % electorate 58,219

1983 General Election: Mikardo, I (Lab), 15,878; Flounders, E (L/All), 10,017; Eyres, S (C), 5,129; Bartlett, Ms S (NF), 596; Snooks, A J L (Lab Ind), 266; Scotcher, K R (WRP), 117. Maj 5,861.

Key: % Owner: proportion owning their own homes; % Loc auth: proportion of council tenants; % Black/Asian: proportion from new commonwealth or Pakistan; % Mid cl: proportion of non-manual workers; % Prof man: Professions, higher manager.



Fighting his last general election in the East End of London in 1983, Mr Ian Mikardo managed to snatch Bow and Poplar from the jaws of his Liberal rival by a slender majority of 5,861.

Since then the Liberals have registered a series of local election successes, and could well take the constituency this time round.

Trying to hold back the Liberal advance is Mr Mikardo's successor, Mrs Mildred Gordon, a retired teacher and life-long inhabitant of the East End, who was selected as Labour's candidate at the age of 62.

Confident that she can revive Labour's ailing fortunes, Mrs Gordon, who became a socialist during the Spanish civil war, will be concentrating her campaign on housing, unemployment and the redevelopment of the London docklands.

With the third highest concentration of council housing in Britain, much of it in an appalling state of disrepair, housing is perhaps the single most important issue in the constituency. Unemployment, at 23 per cent, comes in a close second.

Both are inextricably linked to the redevelopment of the docklands, a region that encompasses the constituency's Poplar, Millwall and Isle of Dogs areas.

Shifting patterns of trade, high labour costs and technological change turned the once thriving docklands into a textbook illustration of economic decline. But in 1981 the Government established the London Docklands Development Corporation in an attempt to rejuvenate the area.



Mrs Mildred Gordon: Will be concentrating on housing.

Despite widespread resentment at the loss of local authority planning powers, which is automatic when a development corporation is created, the initative is arguably the most successful attempt so far at reviving docklands.

There are now more than 2,000 businesses in the area, an increase of almost a third. About 8,000 houses have been built, many on formerly derelict land, and an estimated 10,000 jobs have been created since the LDDC was established.

But such large development has left the southern half of the constituency full of contrasts. Empty wharfs and vacant warehouses now rub shoulders with luxury riverfront penthouses.

As far as local residents are concerned, property prices have gone off the top of the graph. A one-bedroom flat in a converted warehouse can fetch £80,000: a two-bedroom maisonette on the waterfront can be had for a mere £125,000. Graffiti daubed on walls in the back streets call for "jobs not snobs".

Mrs Gordon said: "The redevelopment of docklands is an historic opportunity to solve the constituency's chronic housing and unemployment problems. Instead, the LDDC is acting as an estate agent for the Government, and doing its best to create a casino economy."

Mr Eric Flounders, aged 38, the Liberal candidate, disagrees. He is the leader of Tower Hamlets borough council, captured by the Liberals in 1986.

"The LDDC has performed a valuable function in bringing life back to the docklands", he says. "But its record on job creation and house construction is dismal."

The Conservative candidate, Mr David Hughes, aged 33, a solicitor, manages to put a brave face on his party's successive poor performances. Despite polling 16 per cent of the vote in 1983, Mr Hughes is confident that the Conservative emphasis on wealth creation is what East Enders will be voting for.

Michael Dynes

Tories seek farming support as Alliance looks to schools

Mr Robert Key began his campaign to retain Salisbury for the Conservatives by paying a visit to the chairman of the local branch of the National Farmers' Union and going with him to inspect some pigs. Lord Emsworth would have thought this an eminently sound course of action but, since pigs do not have votes and there are fewer and fewer farmers, others might consider it a trifle eccentric.

It might, however, be seen as illustrating the Conservative Party's instinct to foster its traditional strength in the countryside at a time when its relations with the farming community are distinctly strained. That could be all the more important in a constituency where the Labour vote has almost completely collapsed, and where the opposition is represented by a wealthy SDP industrialist likely to appeal to wavering Tories who could never bring themselves to vote Labour.

Salisbury may not quite be in the super-league of British historic cities, but it is still a handsome, congenial place with a rightly famous cathedral. Unemployment is below 10 per cent; there is relatively little industry; and many people commute to work in Southampton, Bournemouth and Andover.

The area is stiff with military bases and, given that the Ministry of Defence is the largest employer in the constituency, the Alliance is openly congratulating itself on having chosen a candidate who is "sound" on defence and not one of those dubious Liberals who might be tempted to flirt with some unilateralist nonsense.



Mr Key: Fighting the SDP challenge

The candidate in question, Mr Parry Mitchell, left school at 16 and went to night classes to complete his A levels and to obtain a degree from London University. He took a Master's degree in business administration at Columbia University, New York, and now runs an international computer group employing more than 250 people.

Now in his early forties, he believes that Britain is falling behind in the industrial league because the Government has done too little to encourage science and technology.

He also believes that the health services are desperately under-funded and that education in Wiltshire, which maintains a mixture of grammar, secondary modern and comprehensive schools, is falling apart as a result of Conservative neglect.

One significant local election issue is likely to be the recent refusal by Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education, to sanction a scheme to reorganize the whole county into comprehensives.

The scheme was largely the brain-child of the Alliance, which for the past two years has held the balance on the county council and has thus earned itself the chairmanship of nearly all the main committees.

If education were to be an important issue, Mr Key is well qualified in the subject. Aged 42, he spent 16 years teaching economics at Loretto College, Edinburgh, and at Harrow School. He is married to a former teacher and served on the Commons Select Committee on Education.

He also has useful local ties, having been educated at Salisbury Cathedral School — his father was Bishop of Sherborne.

The young Labour candidate, Ms Tish Seabourne, is also a local — born and raised in Salisbury — but is fighting a hopeless cause. The main message of her campaign is that Labour offers the only real alternative to two candidates who voters might find difficulty in telling apart. For those who need to know the difference, Mr Mitchell is the one wearing the bright new orange tie.

John Young

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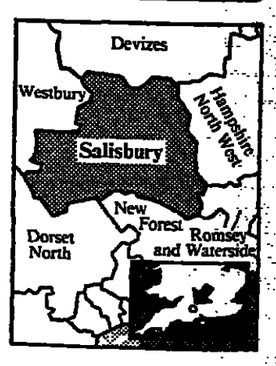
Salisbury

CANDIDATES
R. Key (C)
Ms T. Seabourne (Lab)
P. Mitchell (SDP/All)

1981 % Own occ 51.3
1981 % Loc Auth 25.0
1981 % Black/Asian 1.6
1981 % Mid cl 46.2
1981 % Prof man 15.6
1986 electorate 74,140

1983 General Election: Key, R (C),28,876; Lakeman, J (L/All), 21,702; Lambeth, Mrs C K (Lab),3,139; Kemp, Miss M (W Reg),182; Abbott, T (Ind), 98. Maj 7,174.

Key: % own occ: proportion owning their homes; % Loc auth: proportion of council tenants; % Black/Asian: proportion from New Commonwealth or Pakistan; % Mid cl:proportion of non-manual workers; % Prof man: professions & higher management



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Alliance chiefs believe Thatcher wrong to rule out deal

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

The Alliance leaders, Dr David Owen and Mr David Steel, believe that Mrs Margaret Thatcher has made a clear tactical mistake in ruling out emphatically any question of a deal with the Alliance if it were to come to a hung Parliament.

On present opinion poll figures, a hung parliament does not seem likely. But the Alliance leaders are in good heart after touring the country for some days before the main parties had launched their nationwide campaigns. They point out that they always tend to do better in the last 10 days of a campaign and that, despite starting from a much higher base than in 1983, they have slipped back only a point or two in the week since the election was called, compared with a sharp 5 per cent drop in 1983.

They believe that the hopes of no party's winning an overall majority are still alive, and while there is a touch of Mandy Rice-Davies about such an idea – they have to believe it to have the heart to fight their campaign at all – it is possible that Mrs Thatcher's refusal even to contemplate talking to the Alliance in the event of a hung parliament could yet rebound on her.

That is especially so because she seems to have changed her tune since January when she was sounding altogether less hostile to the idea of a deal. Interviewed then on BBC Radio London about her willingness to enter a coalition, she said "I'd rather wait and see what happens".

The Prime Minister, it seems, is in the unusual position for her of being in two minds about the Alliance. She used to deride the SDP for not staying within the Labour Party and fighting on, saying that Labour would never die. Lately she has talked of her determination to finish socialism for good and of a non-socialist opposition to the Conservatives being needed for the health of politics.

Dr Owen is under no illusion that, if there were to be a parliament with the Tories returned as the largest party but without an overall majority, Mrs Thatcher would try to go it alone.

But he believes that in the period leading up to the publication of the Queen's Speech Labour's equally emphatic past protestations about refusing to do a deal of any kind would evaporate.

A deal might emerge between Labour and the Alliance that would raise the prospect that, if Mrs Thatcher were to be voted down on her Queen's Speech and seek another dissolution, the Sovereign would not necessarily have to grant that dissolution. The Queen would have the possibility of asking a Labour/Alliance coalition with an agreed programme to run the country instead.

In such a situation Dr Owen and Mr Steel envisage several things happening. The behaviour of the markets would, they believe, lead to the Conservatives' friends in industry and commerce, especially those who have long had a hankering after proportional representation, putting pressure on Mrs Thatcher to do a deal with the Alliance instead.

They foresee Tory "wets" coming out of the woodwork to say that if Mrs Thatcher wants to go down with all guns blazing they have no intention of going down with her.

It is all fanciful, not to say fevered stuff, the sort of thing that develops in the minds of third-party leaders knocking back a well deserved glass or two after a long day bouncing about in the battle bus.

It is also the kind of stuff that does nothing at all to lessen the status in the minds of the electorate of those third-party leaders who let it be known that they have such thoughts. It is just within the bounds of possibility. And there are two arguments to sustain that. The first is that Mr Heath was no keener on coalition deals than Mrs Thatcher is now. Nor was Mr James Callaghan. But Mr Heath found himself none the less in February 1974 trying to do a deal with the Liberals. And Mr Callaghan concluded the Lib-Lab pact.

COMMENTARY



Geoffrey Smith

One of the reasons why the Conservatives won so convincingly in 1983 was that Mrs Thatcher was the only leader who looked to be fully in control of her party.

Mr Michael Foot, by contrast, was clearly seen as one of Labour's biggest liabilities. The best place for him during the election, so the party managers often seemed to believe, was in the byways of Britain, away from the main action.

The Alliance demonstrated its originality as the new force in British politics by creating a peculiar confusion of leadership, with Mr Roy Jenkins as Prime Minister-designate but sharing control with Mr David Steel. So the ineptness of the Alliance and Labour strengthened the leadership advantage that Mrs Thatcher was bound to possess just after the Falklands.

Thatcher is still dominant figure

What is the position this time? Mrs Thatcher is still dominant. Nobody watching her launch the Conservative manifesto on Tuesday morning could doubt that she is in buoyant mood. She even achieved a double first in my recollection. When indicating that she was concentrating on winning this election before thinking of a fourth term, she managed both to acknowledge error and to do so with an element of self-mockery.

The difference now is in the other parties. That is evident in the morning press conferences. In 1983, while Mrs Thatcher presided at virtually all the Conservative ones, the other parties rang the changes to demonstrate collective leadership. This time the Labour conferences that matter are where Mr Kinnock is, and the two Davids are taking all the Alliance ones.

Labour is putting the spotlight on Mr Kinnock for a numbr of reasons. It believes correctly that he is a much more effective campaigner than Mr Foot. It wants to build him up as a potential Prime Minister. It also knows that Labour's election strategy depends on showing that he is in charge.

"The loony left, black section extremists. Oh yes, they're around," the party managers are saying in effect. "But Neil is in control. Just look at the manifesto. That was the document he wanted, and it is what he wants that a future Labour government will do."

Mr Kinnock's authority is therefore being presented to the electorate as a guarantee that the less attractive elements in the Labour Party can safely be discounted. That line of reasoning raises two questions: is it correct, and is it persuasive?

If Labour were to come to power I believe that both Mr Kinnock and the left would find their positions strengthened. The left will have more MPs in the next Parliament and as Prime Minister he would have the power both of patronage and of the Government machine. He would be better placed that in Opposition, while having perpetually to guard his flanks.

Two Davids are not doing badly

In this election I do not believe that his standing will obliterate fears of the far left. He will not look so formidable a national leader as Mrs Thatcher. But he may well be a more accomplished campaigner than his opponents have expected.

Similarly, the two Davids do not seem to be combining at all badly in their inherently uncomfortable double act. There is, I think, a certain sparkle still missing from the Alliance campaign. But the two leaders have so far avoided falling over each other's feet, and the country has probably become rather more accustomed to the idea of joint leadership.

They will never be personally close, but they are more complementary as campaigners than is often appreciated: Mr Steel articulate and tactically quick, Dr Owen thoughtful and emphatic on policy.

Whether they could combine well to run a government is another matter. But as nobody believes they are about to get the chance, that is not of so much consequence in this campaign. The difference between now and 1983 is that all the parties believe they have leaders on whom the spotlight can play to their advantage.

Millions have been 'squandered on hoodwinking public'

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

The Government has squandered millions of pounds of taxpayers' money on pre-election publicity aimed at hoodwinking the public into believing it is tackling unemployment, the Alliance said yesterday.

The jobless had been used in a "party political manoeuvre" and their hopes had been dashed by the realities of long waiting lists for the few good schemes and paltry programmes on the cheap.

Mr Malcolm Bruce, Alliance employment spokesman, said that last year the Government had spent £6 million on advertising its jobs training programme, a sum that had risen to £5 million in the first three months of this year and an "astounding" £1,382,000 in April.

He told a press conference in London: "The Government's Action for Jobs advertising has been all hot air and little substance.

"They have spent millions of pounds of taxpayers' money on pre-election publicity to persuade the public that they are doing something about unemployment – money that would have been better spent on real and valuable training to get people back to work . . .

"This great blast of television and newspaper advertising has more to do with fighting the election with taxpayer's money than it ever had to do with helping the unemployed . . .

"That £12½ million should have been spent on desperately needed training, not on pulling the wool over the eyes of the electorate."

Mr Bruce fleshed out his party's pledge to cut unemployment by a million in three years. It would expand training programmes and take steps to create work at a gross cost of £5 billion a year by the third year in office.

The measures include:

- The creation of 200,000 more places in "high quality education and training programmes".
- A 25 per cent cut in national insurance contributions from employers operating in unemployment blackspots.
- New investment in housing and urban renewal to provide 200,000 jobs.
- The creation of 60,000 jobs in community care and nursery education.
- A recruitment incentive of £40 a week an employee to encourage companies to take on another 270,000 long-term unemployed.
- An expanded job release scheme to allow an extra 30,000 men aged 62 to retire early.
- A training incentive scheme for employers.
- A new comprehensive vocational training scheme for all those aged 16 to 19.



Thatcher attitude 'sabotage'

By Richard Evans, Political Correspondent

Mr Neil Kinnock took his party's job creation package to Britain's industrial heartland yesterday and immediately claimed that the Government's attitude to unemployment was a mixture of surrender and sabotage.

The Conservatives knew that their policies would lead to "no significant" reduction in joblessness or increase in employment, the Labour leader said.

The Prime Minister had suddenly changed her approach by refusing to set targets for the reduction of unemployment and that was an admission that the Tories could not and would not reduce the dole queues.

"Their attitude is a mixture of surrender and sabotage. A complete betrayal of the millions of unemployed, of the millions more who fear unemployment and of a whole country that, as long as this Government goes on and on, must go on and on paying a bill of £21 billion a year for idleness."

With Labour pledging to create more than a million jobs inside two years, Mr Kinnock then visited factories in the Lancashire constituencies of two junior employment ministers.

Mr John Lee and Mr David Trippier are defending majorities of 6,135 and 8,821 in Pendle and Rossendale, but Mr Kinnock said: "Both seats are winnable and their experience as employment ministers is shortly going to come in very handy for them because they are both going to be unemployed".

In his first comment on the Conservative manifesto published on Tuesday, Mr Kinnock condemned it.

The Tories made great claims about productivity, yet the industrial sector now produced 5 per cent less than in 1979. "If that's productivity, then cutting a leg off is losing weight."

Similarly, the Conservatives boasted record exports, yet, although there had been a 16 per cent rise in exports since 1979, imports had risen by 57 per cent. "That's terminal for an economy of makers and traders."

Company profits were up, but they were being pumped into property and speculation.

Wealth created in Britain was being skimmed off to invest in technological developments and industrial advances overseas.

"Mrs Thatcher calls all those achievements and all they promise in their manifesto is more of the same.

"Any country promised more of the same is going to throw the switch on Mrs Thatcher and put her out.

"They don't want more of the same. Twice bitten, three times shy."

Pit scars reopened by Owen

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Dr David Owen reopened the scars of the miners' strike yesterday by visiting Thoresby Colliery in Nottinghamshire, a cradle of the breakaway Union of Democratic Mineworkers and the most profitable pit in Britain.

He went to make political capital from Labour's equivocal stance on Scargillism and to emphasize Alliance support for the UDM in an area where several Labour-held seats are in jeopardy because of post-strike splits in local Labour parties.

Emerging in bright orange overalls and with a grimy face from visiting a 2,500 foot deep pit face, the SDP leader said it was a "tragedy" that Labour had not supported the call for a pit head ballot in the dispute. "If they had stuck to that throughout the dispute it would in my view have been very much shorter and Arthur Scargill would have got his comeuppance a good deal earlier."

He accused Mr Neil Kinnock of "outrageous lack of leadership" and said Labour's conduct had been "pretty disgraceful".



Dr Owen after his pit visit yesterday.

Way of tackling lawlessness crucial matter for the voters

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Acute public concern over increasing street crime and burglary means that law and order is a key issue in this election.

The Conservatives are by tradition the party of law and order, but this time the vote is not automatically theirs: Labour and the Alliance are making a strong pitch for voters disillusioned with the Tories' efforts so far to contain crime and who can be persuaded they can do better.

The crime rate has risen by more than 60 per cent in the past eight years, part of which at least is because of a general rise in crime everywhere. But it means that voters are looking for measures that will make them feel safer.

Which way voters go – at least on this issue – hangs crucially on how they think crime is now best tackled: primarily by prevention and through "street safety" measures (Labour and the Alliance); or by harsh penalties (the Tories).

There is wide concern over what is seen as lenient sentences by judges; and the Tories are likely to take the toughest line on that. But at the same time they have indicated little, apart from more policing, to tackle crime on the front line.

The Tories are going in on a platform of reforms already achieved coupled with others being prepared. Police manpower has been increased since 1979 by 16,500; courts have tougher powers to tackle drug traffickers; there is to be a Serious Fraud Office; and there are new tougher penalties for violent crime such as rape.

Now they are pushing for further tougher penalties for

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criminals, plus compensation and other measures to help victims of crime. Labour and the Alliance are pressing specific proposals to combat crime on the streets and in council estates.

A key plank of the Conservative manifesto is the Criminal Justice Bill, most of which fell when the election was called.

The new version is likely to have strengthened proposals for courts to tackle lenient sentences, giving judges power to increase such sentences.

For victims there are radical reforms enabling videotapes and live video links to be used in child abuse cases; and victims generally will have a statutory right to compensation.

Proposals to reform the parole system, against a background of a rising prison population, are not in the manifesto but expected if the Tories win. Short-term prisoners are likely to be given automatic parole at a fixed point in their sentence. The prison building programme will continue.

There is, finally, a pledge to increase further the number of police officers on the streets.

This is a key proposal also of both Labour and the Alliance: the Alliance in particular has pledged 4,000 more police officers and 1,000 non-police.

But a crucial difference between the parties is police accountability: the Tories are firmly in favour of the present system of accountability and against local authority control; while Labour wants locally elected police authorities to have responsibility, with the police, for enforcing the law.

Alliance proposals include special anti-crime measures in "crime crisis areas" such as reopening local police stations, grants for security locks, more caretakers on estates and a legal duty for British Telecom to keep telephones working.

Sunday trading plans challenged

By Robert Morgan

The Conservative Party was challenged yesterday to give a clear commitment not to pursue total deregulation of Sunday trading if re-elected and to allow a free vote when the issue next comes before Parliament.

The challenge came from a pressure group, the Keep Sunday Special Campaign, formed to fight the proposed Shops Bill defeated in April last year. It is backed by church groups and trading organizations, including the National Chamber of Trade.

At a news conference yesterday, the campaign's director, Dr Michael Schluter, said they wanted clarification of what the Tory Party meant in its manifesto commitment to tackle Sunday trading laws.

His group has issued a consultative document, *The REST Principles* (that is, recreation, emergencies, social gatherings, travelling public).

It does not want the law covering these to be changed, but it is opposed to the sale of items that could readily be bought on other days. It is particularly anxious to curb the opening of multiple DIY stores, which it believes will lead to unfair competition.

It is not opposed to the opening of corner shops, and believes that the 1950 Shops Act could be updated to allow small retailers to open.

Dr Schluter said: "If a party is committed to the family, it must take seriously the need to uphold Sunday as special."

Tories slip back in image presentation

By George Brock

Pundits have become so used to the comfortable groove of assumption about the Saatchified slickness of Conservative campaign marketing that awareness that things have changed dawns only slowly. If they haven't changed, they have at least slipped.

This was most vividly revealed by the Central Office decision to push Mr John Wakeham into the television front line yesterday morning on *Election Call*. His performance was so messy, ill-judged and defensive that it was hard to believe he was representing the same party that has marketed itself so formidably down the tube through two successful election campaigns.

Phone-ins which are temporarily televised as well demand some elementary caution from the performer. You can pick your nose in a radio studio and offend only broadcasting professionals: television amplifies the offence by a power of millions, even at 9 am. Mr Wakeham did not actually pick his nose but he did look unmistakably like a man on radio who just happened to be visible as well. He smirked a little at the beginning and, as the questioners grew more hostile, later tended to grimace and wince.

More importantly, he sounded like a man with a large number of misdemeanours to apologise for. No party in an election can afford to have anyone so defensive, stumbling and apologetic in a television studio too often.

If I were Mr Kinnock's party election broadcast adviser, I would consider taking the closing moments of the first Tory election broadcast ("Isn't it great to be great again?" plus Union Jack and stirring music) and juxtapose it to some clips of Mr Wakeham wilting before the angry voice of the northern unemployed.

This might have been an aberration had it not been for the equally odd spectacle at

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10 pm the previous evening. We have come to expect that Labour has managed to catch up Central Office in the competition for presentational smoothness and flair, but the images emerging from *News at Ten* on Tuesday night reversed the earlier Tory dominance.

And not by the use of any very complicated trickery either. Mrs Thatcher had laid her manifesto on the table and gone back to Downing Street, leaving the way open for Mr Kinnock to lead the news with a strong speech delivered in the early evening: he seized his opportunity with the best-written speech of his campaign so far.

The Labour manifesto launch looked, it is true, a little stagy. But it was a miracle of good organization compared to the images from the Central Office manifesto press conference. It looked cramped, fairly chaotic, and the pictures were accompanied by a steady susurrus of background chatter, chair scraping and clicking shutters. The Cabinet looked like men squeezing round a dining table set for half the number.

Wrinkles of this kind should not matter of course, but every professional knows full well that they do.

Today's events

Mr Neil Kinnock and Mr Giles Radice, Labour's education spokesman, launch the party's education plans at the Civic Centre, Newcastle-upon-Tyne at 9.30am.

Mr David Steel continues his nation-wide tour with visits to the West Midlands, Mid-Wales and Liverpool. Dr David Owen will be going to Manchester and Merseyside.

Mr Cyril Smith, Liberal MP for Rochdale, will be on a walk-about in Leeds. Mr Richard Wainwright, who was MP Colne Valley, will visit the ship being used to detain illegal immigrants off Harwich.

Poll shows electorate is still volatile

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

POLL WATCH

Can the Conservatives be beaten in this election? Mrs Margaret Thatcher has entered the campaign three points lower in the polls than she was in 1983. The Tory lead has been a comparatively recent phenomenon, not the long established pattern it was then.

The poll evidence of an even more volatile electorate is conclusive and, although the national opinion polls may indicate a clear preference for the Tories, a special study by MORI for Times Newspapers shows that such a preference is by no means based on a firm conviction among the electorate that the Conservatives have got it right over the past four years.

Those believing that the Government has improved law and order are outnumbered two to one by those who believe that it has failed.

Four out of five people believe the Government has failed to improve standards of education and, crucially, those who believe that their living standards have suffered under Thatcherism outnumber those who feel they are better off by 20 per cent.

The net plus on keeping inflation down is 54 per cent and on cutting income tax it is 53 per cent. But, although 54 per cent believe that the Tories have improved Britain's defences, 33 per cent believe they have failed, leaving a net plus of only 21 per cent.

On several vital questions the Tory record is placed firmly on the debit side of the ledger.

Only 37 per cent believe that the Thatcher Government has helped to improve their own standard of living; 57 per cent say that it has failed, a net debit of 20 per cent.

Only 27 per cent believe that this Government has improved law and order while 62 per cent say that it has not, a net minus of 35 per cent. No wonder that Labour and the Alliance are pitching for the law and order vote with pledges of tighter policing, help for home owners with security measures and clear guidelines for sentencing.

Still worse for the Government is the record on education. Just 16 per cent of voters say that the Thatcher Government has improved the standard of education over the past four years while 71 per cent disagree, a net minus of 55 per cent. Less surprisingly, the score on reducing unemployment is 78-17 per cent against the Government's record, a net minus of 61 per cent.

Education was not even an issue in June 1983 so the 55 per cent minus rating for the Government now clearly makes that an issue for the Opposition to exploit. Even among Tories 52 per cent say the Government has failed to improve standards of education.

All in all, the message for Labour and the Alliance is clear.

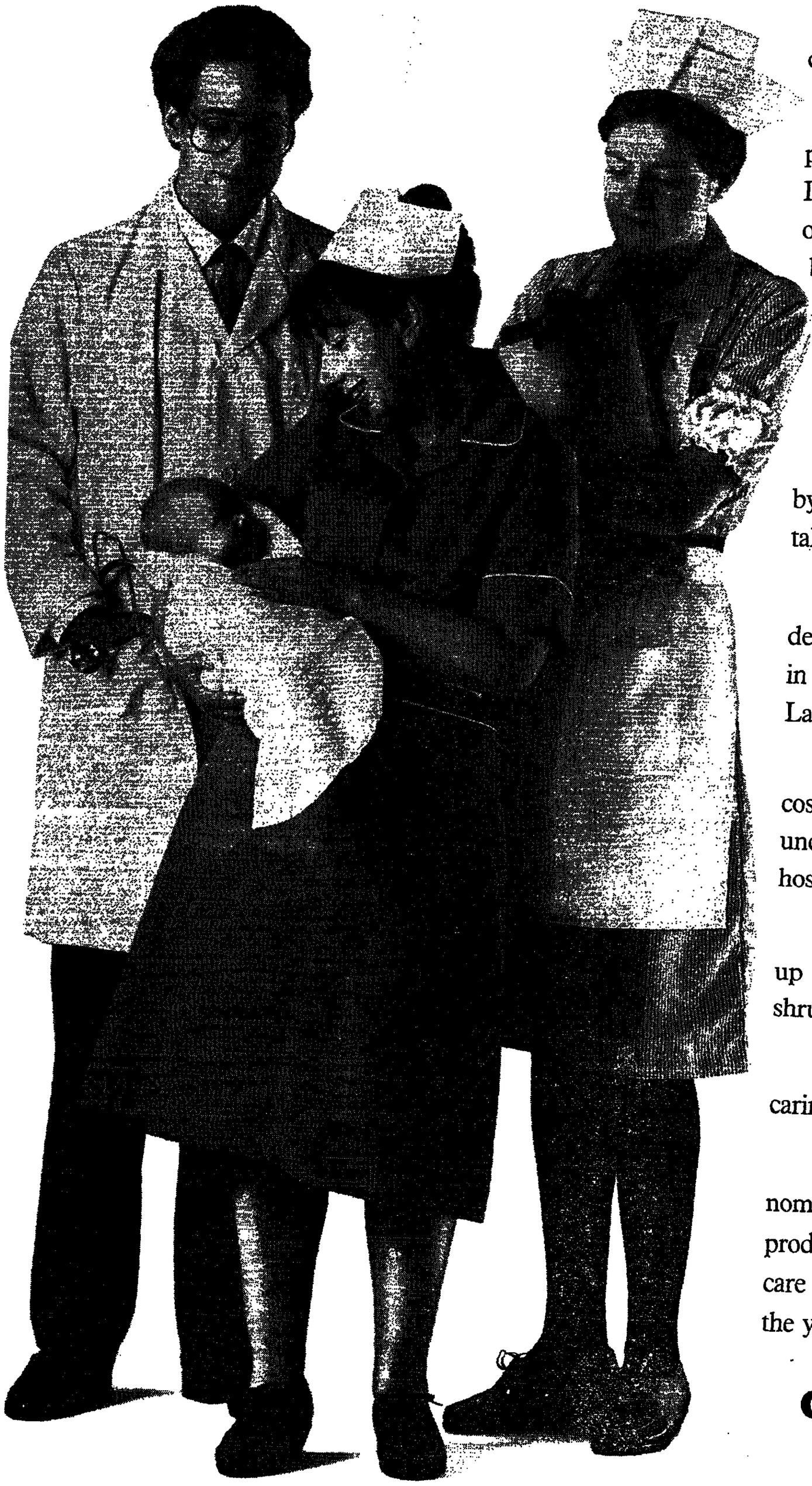
The Government is vulnerable as never before on law and order and certainly on education. It is not as impregnable as might have been thought on defence. It is strong on foreign affairs, inflation and taxation. And although its now improving record on unemployment is poor, it is unlikely that the Opposition will be able to make an election winner out of that.

MORI interviewed a representative sample of 1,521 electors between May 11 and May 14, 1987, in 65 constituencies.

Voters were asked if over the past four years the Conservative government has or has not done each of these:

	Has	Has Not	Net + or -
Played important role in world affairs	80	16	+64
Kept inflation down	75	21	+54
Cut income tax	72	19	+53
Put taxes up on goods you buy	63	25	+38
Improved Britain's defences	54	33	+21
Kept its promises	49	43	+ 6
Helped to improve your own standard of living	37	57	- 20
Improved law and order	27	62	- 35
Improved the standard of education	16	71	- 55
Reduced unemployment	17	78	- 61

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WORLD SUMMARY

Uganda-Kenya border closed

Nairobi — Uganda announced yesterday that Kenya had unilaterally closed its border with Uganda, but no confirmation has yet come from the Kenyan Government (Alastair Matheson writes). The Kampala announcement was issued by the office of Dr Samson Kisekka, the Prime Minister.

Ugandans in the capital said they suspected earlier yesterday that there was some border problem when the Kenyan daily newspapers failed to arrive in Kampala as usual. Inquiries at Entebbe revealed, however, that the Nairobi flight had arrived yesterday but there is no certainty about the air connection today. A pile-up of Uganda-bound cargo at the Kenyan port of Mombasa is placing a heavy strain on relations between the two East African states.

Boy eaten by bears

New York (Reuter) — An 11-year-old boy, who climbed into a cage containing two polar bears at a small New York zoo for a dare, was found dead having been partly eaten by the animals, police said. The two bears were later shot dead.

Police and park service personnel said three boys — all aged 11 — climbed a fence to get into the zoo after it had closed for the day. Two of them then climbed into the bears' enclosure, apparently to swim in their pool.

Police at first thought more children might have been killed after three sets of clothes were found in the cage.

Kidnap by Eta

Madrid — Police forces controlled by the Basque Regional Government yesterday took charge of the search for the first person to be kidnapped by Eta extremists this year (Harry Debelius writes).

Señor Andrés Gutiérrez Blanco, aged 65, a Bilbao businessman, was abducted from his flat on Tuesday by two men, claiming to belong to Eta, who forced their way into the apartment block at pistol point.

The kidnapping occurred 22 days prior to municipal, regional and European elections.

4 Israelis wounded

Tel Aviv (Reuter) — Four Israeli soldiers were wounded yesterday by a roadside bomb explosion in southern Lebanon, a military spokesman said. The blast, apparently triggered by remote-control, occurred on the edge of Israel's self-declared security zone.

Israel has pledged strong retaliation for attacks against its troops. In the past few weeks, Israel has mounted an air offensive against suspected Palestinian guerrilla targets near Sidon after a series of Katyusha rocket attacks and infiltration attempts.

Libyan exile shot

Vienna — A former close aide of Colonel Gadaffi, who fell out with him in 1980, was seriously wounded here yesterday, two years after gunmen had made an earlier attempt to kill him in the Austrian capital (Richard Bassett writes).

The Vienna police were unable to seize the attacker, who dropped a passport while escaping behind Vienna's baroque St Peter's Church. An Interior Ministry spokesman said the passport was that of the attacker, named Mohammed Elhag, who is believed to be a Libyan diplomat who arrived in Vienna recently from Prague. All Austria's frontier posts were put on the alert.

Goetz trial testimony

New York — A second victim of Mr Bernhard Goetz, New York's "subway vigilante", has testified that he was seated and played no part in a robbery attempt when he was shot in the chest (Charles Bremner writes).

James Ramseur told the jury that he was talking to a youth when a friend, Mr Troy Canty, who admits trying to rob Mr Goetz, spoke to the gunman and was immediately shot. Mr Goetz is charged with attempted murder.

Contra admission

Washington — Señor Adolfo Calero, a Nicaraguan Contra military leader, admitted to the congressional Iran-Contra hearings he set up companies to mask their identity and took money from foreign sources (Michael Binyon writes). But the Contras had to do this to survive.

He said that, though it was the Contras who were fighting and dying, "what is really at stake is American resolve to stand by its friends, its principles and its policies".

Three Mirages crash

Paris (Reuter) — Three French Mirage F1 fighter planes crashed in south-eastern France while on a low-altitude training exercise, the Defence Ministry said. Two pilots were killed instantly and a third was missing after the crash outside the village of St Chamond, near Lyons.

● MADRID: A US Air Force F4 Phantom jet fighter based at the US Air Force base in Spangdahlem, West Germany, crashed near a firing range in the northern Spanish province of Navarre on a routine training mission, killing the two pilots, the US Embassy said (AP reports).

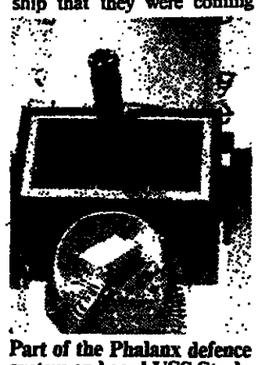
Frigate 'ill prepared' for surprise attack

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

As the United States Navy board of inquiry began yesterday in Bahrain into the Iraqi air attack on the American frigate USS Stark, it became clear that the captain and crew were totally ill-prepared for any surprise hostile action.

One of the crucial factors that prevented the frigate from taking immediate action against the approaching missile was that the air defence systems were not switched on to automatic.

There was also a sense of stunned disbelief on board the ship that they were coming under attack. Most of the crew on duty had no idea there was any threat to the ship. A "general quarters" warning which would have alerted everyone on board had not been sounded.



Part of the Phalanx defence system on board USS Stark.

The Pentagon has expressed dismay that none of the weapons systems was used to attack either the aircraft or the missile, believed to be a French sea-skimming Exocet. But the fatal hesitation on the part of the captain and crew to take counter-measures arose from the misguided belief that a "friendly" Iraqi plane would never consider launching an attack against a US warship.

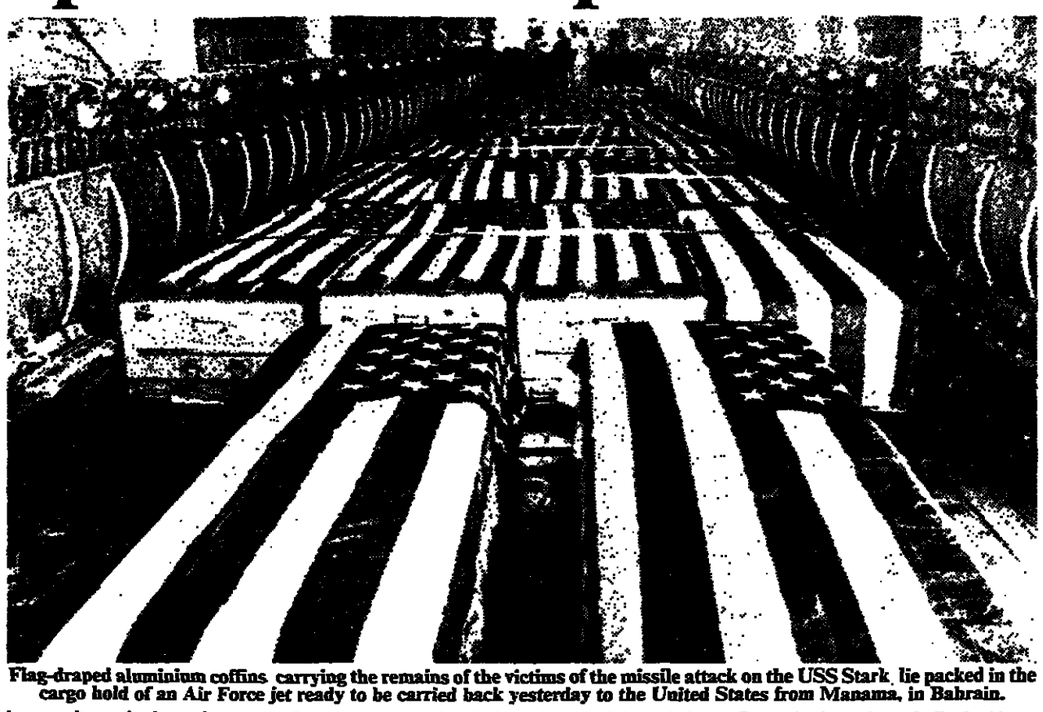
Although the Pentagon insists that there was enough time for the ship to fire the weapons systems, the crew was not on a war footing and therefore, psychologically, they were not geared up for instant response to a threat.

Only one third of the crew was on station and the rest were asleep or off duty. The captain himself was not on the bridge. Most importantly, because of the low alert status, none of the weapons systems were switched on.

But naval experts pointed out yesterday that no ship, assuming a peaceful patrol, would have everything switched on, for a number of reasons. To be on a 24-hour alert, missiles would have to be lying in readiness on the launcher rails and weapons would have to be in the barrels. This would invite maintenance problems and the risk of a missile going off.

Even the electronic counter-measure Chaff system, that sends up aluminium strips to act as a decoy for approaching missiles, was apparently not switched on. But this was because it required a rocket to launch the Chaff and for that to be switched on 24 hours a day there would also be the risk of maintenance problems.

The vital factor was the involvement of an Iraqi plane. Iraq is friendly to the US. Had it been an Iranian plane, the ship's weapons systems would have been all ready to go.



Flag-draped aluminium coffins carrying the remains of the victims of the missile attack on the USS Stark, lie packed in the cargo hold of an Air Force jet ready to be carried back yesterday to the United States from Manama, in Bahrain.

Even if the captain of the Stark had grasped the reality of the situation in time, it would have taken a minute or so for everyone to be in place and for the systems to be switched from manual to automatic. But by the time the order was given by the captain, it was too late. The Iraqi missile, or possibly two missiles, which had been fired from about 11 miles away, took just 60 to 90 seconds to reach the frigate.

The crew manning the consoles in the operations room was aware that the Iraqi fighter's radar had locked on to the Stark but the ship's electronic system failed to indicate that missiles had been launched.

The Stark was equipped with four air defence systems: a 76mm 90-round-a-minute Oto Melara gun; a 20mm close-in Vulcan Phalanx Gatling gun which fires 3,000 rounds a minute; and a Standard 25-mile range surface-to-air missile system; and Chaff.

Kremlin workaholic

Gorbachov tells of his private world

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

Mr Mikhail Gorbachov is a self-confessed *workaholic*, who, like his mentor, the late Yuri Andropov, is a keen student of Western philosophy and capable of quoting from memory large chunks of Russian poetry learned during his schooldays in the north *Caucasus* region.

He has long regarded as his main "weakness" a reluctance to specialize and retains a *preference* for people with a "broad outlook" rather than experts in a specific field.

Although he graduated in law, he originally planned to study physics at Moscow State University.

These and other rare peeps behind the veil of official secrecy drawn around the private life and thoughts of any Soviet leader are contained in a revealing interview that Mr Gorbachov granted this week to three journalists from *L'Unita*, the Italian Communist Party paper.

Mr Gorbachov, who despite his policy of *glasnost* has said little before about his private life, was asked to tell Italian Communists how he spent his free time, what he read and what his interests were.

"In my country it is not *quite customary* to speak about such things, but I will try to answer," the Kremlin leader said in the 43-page interview released yesterday by Tass.

"Speaking of interests, in mature years I have been *more* interested in economics, read and written on these topics. It can be said that I know a thing or two in this field . . . But I have a continuing interest in philosophical questions, especially now."

Mr Gorbachov, who at 56 is already known for his ascetic lifestyle, claimed that since launching his reform programme, he and other Soviet leaders had enjoyed no free time.

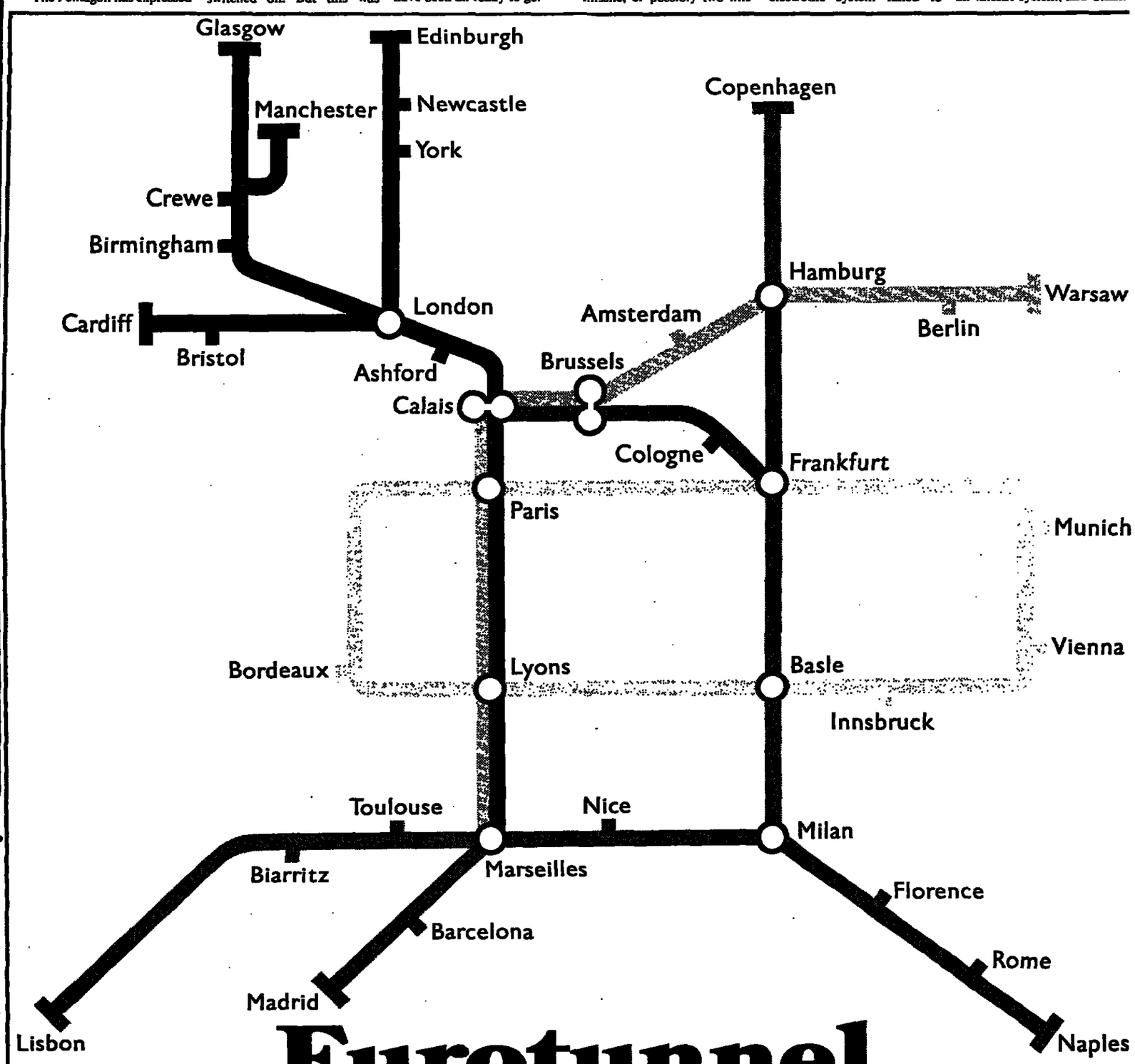
"Perhaps such a way of life cannot be described as quite *normal*," he admitted. "But it is dictated by the time, by the situation resembling revolutionary periods when one must give oneself entirely, regardless of anything."

Pursuing his crusade against the cult of personality, Mr Gorbachov denied that the "renewal of Socialism" now under way was personally associated with his name. "If there was no Gorbachov, there would have been *someone* else. Our society has ripened for changes and the need of change has cleared a road for itself."

Western diplomats studying the interview said it confirmed *intelligence* assessments of an obsessive hard-worker and dedicated Marxist-Leninist determined to make *Communism* work rather than westernize it.

Moscow — Mr Gorbachov told the Italian Communist Party newspaper, *L'Unità*, that an accord with Washington on medium-range missiles was still feasible, but accused Western leaders of creating new obstacles to frustrate it (Christopher Walker writes).

The interview released by Tass reflected anger and frustration in what is seen here as a refusal by the West to match his initiatives.



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The Fiji crisis: Post-coup struggle for power sows confusion

Tribal chiefs hold key to future

From Stephen Taylor, Suva

Fiji's constitutional future today lies with a traditional body of tribal chiefs after the chilling spectre of communal violence burst out onto the streets of Suva for the first time since last week's attempted coup.

Attacks by gangs of young Fijians, apparently frustrated by the failure of the coup, were aimed at ethnic Indians and journalists. Both Ratu Sir Penaia Ganilau, the Governor-General, and Lieutenant-Colonel Sitiveni Rabuka, with whom he has been locked in confrontation over the constitution, broadcast appeals for calm.

Colonel Rabuka, who said in an interview recorded for New Zealand Television, that he remained in command of the Army, appealed for a "return to peace, calm and tolerance." By last night calm had returned to the centre of Suva, and the streets were deserted.

The crisis has entered a precarious phase in which trade-offs are likely. On the one hand, detainees have been released and Ratu Ganilau has succeeded in upholding the constitution, at least for the time being. On the other hand, troops under Colonel Rabuka remain in control of the local broadcasting services.

In the aftermath of yesterday's violence, about 400 members of the British community were sent a message that Mr Roger Baltrop, the High Commissioner, saw no immediate cause for anxiety.

Britons were counselled to keep away from crowds and to stay inside in the event of any outbreak of civil disorder.

The message added: "Keep a reserve of tinned food and batteries for torches, radios etc., and fill the bath and other containers with water if there is a danger of the water supply being cut off."

A few hundred yards from yesterday's running clashes in which dozens of people were injured and cars were stoned, the Great Council of Chiefs were gathered in the Civic Building apparently divided over the racial issues.

The Council is a traditional body with no constitutional powers but has become the final arbiter in the trial of strength between Ratu Ganilau and Colonel Rabuka on the composition of a Council of Advisers which will form an interim government pending new elections.

The Council is made up of chiefs from Fiji's 14 districts and is naturally sympathetic to ethnic-Melanesian concerns. These issues — Fijian land rights and political supremacy — were behind last Thursday's overthrow of Dr Timoci Bavadra's administration.

The chiefs will muster again today to hear Ratu Ganilau's proposals for the advisers he wants to assist him as an interim government.

One report emerged yesterday claiming that the chiefs had passed a motion of no confidence in the Governor-General, but reliable sources maintained that at present support in the Council is roughly divided between Ratu Ganilau and Colonel Rabuka.

While the ethnic clashes were going on, Dr Bavadra was meeting Ratu Ganilau. When he emerged he backed down completely on the position he had adopted on his release — which was that despite the coup he remained Prime Minister.

He would be happy, he said, to serve in the Governor-General's interim administration.

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Papua New Guinea — Three South Pacific island nations said yesterday that Libyan influence in the region had been blown out of all proportion by Western countries (Reuter reports).

Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands and Vanuatu also said that they would preserve their culture and identity to avoid racial conflicts such as the ethnic violence in Fiji.



A Fijian soldier on guard duty outside the Civic Building in Suva during yesterday's meeting of the Council of Chiefs.

Lange sends second frigate to islands

From Russell Hill, Wellington

The New Zealand Government yesterday ordered a second of its Navy frigates to proceed to Fiji as the political crisis in that country spilled over into violence between the country's ethnic Indian and Fijian populations.

After a special Cabinet meeting called to review the latest developments in the Fiji coup, the Government ordered the HMNZS Canterbury to move from Cairns, in northern Queensland, to join the HMNZS Wellington, now berthed in Suva.

Other New Zealand armed services were said by Mr David Lange, the Prime Minister, to be in a state of "high preparedness".

Three Hercules transport aircraft were placed on standby at Whenuapai airbase in Auckland, together with three Andovers and two Boeing-727s.

Mr Lange said after yesterday's Cabinet meeting that while military intervention in Fiji remained a remote option, the Navy and the Air Force could be called upon to evacuate the 2,500 New Zealanders in Fiji. The Government has advised New Zealanders not to travel to Fiji in the meantime.

● SYDNEY: Australia is prepared to evacuate its 4,000 citizens in Fiji if necessary, Mr Bob Hawke, the Australian Prime Minister, said yesterday (Reuter reports).

He said that the Foreign Affairs Department was monitoring the situation in Fiji. The South Pacific nation is a favourite destination for Australian tourists.

Guerrilla offensive adds to pressure on Peru President

From Christopher Thomas, Lima

Tensions are running high between Peru's left-of-centre civilian Government of President Garcia and its highly conservative armed forces, which last relinquished power in 1980.

A new terrorist bombing and assassination blitz in Lima, which for the first time has brought the focus of the gruesome seven-year war to this dilapidated filthy capital, has added to the undisguised strains.

With 10,000 already dead, Peru is the bloodiest battleground in South America. But Señor García adamantly refuses to let the military confront the intensified guerrilla onslaught in the traditional blood-letting way. Senior officers and many politicians are accusing him of failing to have any realistic policy to meet the crisis.

Rightist politicians share the generals' scorn of his belief that the fanatical ultra-left Shining Path terrorist group can be neutralized by long-term social reforms.

Although he is protected from any foreseeable coup attempt by his widespread but declining popularity, the armed forces have not been so restive since they went out of power.

Air Force officers twice "buzzed" the presidential palace with jet fighters last month in a menacing display of anger after Señor Garcia publicly and noisily sacked Lieutenant-General Luis Abram Cavallerino, the Air Force Commander.

Loyal troops rushed to the palace with tanks and armoured cars as the palace lights went out. For 36 ominous hours there were negotiations and finally the General quietly left, bowed in humiliation and defeat.

It was not the first time that this extraordinary reformist President has flaunted civilian authority over the armed forces and survived to bask in the sheer delight of the people.

There are those who say he will go too far one day. Light tanks routinely stand inside the tall iron gates of the palace, not so much to protect him from the Shining Path as from possible rebellious factions within the military.

Señor Garcia misses no opportunity to demonstrate civilian authority. At military ceremonies he pointedly carries the baton of commander-in-chief, while also wearing the presidential sash.

"The ghosts of the past are beginning to disappear," he said in reference to previous military dictatorships. "These changes demonstrate that the political decisions of the Government are being respected. Power is undergoing a profound transformation."

The President began confronting the military on the day of his inauguration by cancelling half the orders for 24 French-made Mirage jet-fighters. Later, he cancelled plans for a $300 million (about £172 million) overhaul of the Navy's white elephant flagship, and then sacked three top Army officers for human rights abuses.

His disowning of the slaughter last June by security forces of 300 Shining Path guerrilla inmates of three Lima jails also infuriated the military, which claimed that the action had struck at the organizational heart of the group. Señor García, worried about his international image, promised to bring the killers to justice. No such thing has happened.

The recent clash with the Air Force was over a plan — now a reality — to create a new Defence Ministry and disband the separate ministries for the Army, Navy and Air Force. General Abram was sacked because he continued to manoeuvre against the scheme.

The military fears the reorganization could endanger some of its economic privileges. The Navy, for example, owns Peru's small arms manufacturing industry, while the Air Force makes substantial profits by renting out helicopters, mostly to oil companies.

But above all, it is the Shining Path that poses a threat to the President. Its clear aim is to provoke another coup, or at least to force the military into taking repressive measures. In such an atmosphere the terrorists would prosper.

Right-wing politicians back the military's demands for a gloves-off approach, especially now that the Shining Path is focusing on Lima itself rather than its traditional base in the southern state of Ayacucho.

"Who rules here?" the right-wing daily *Actualidad* asked in a banner headline. "How long will it continue, Mr President?"

500 detained

Lima — Peru's main labour confederation said yesterday that more than 500 people were arrested and at least two injured, one with a bullet wound, in the country's first 24-hour general strike in more than two years (Reuter reports).

The General Confederation of Peruvian Workers, which called the strike, said that the arrest of its members was an attack on the constitutional right of public assembly.

Japanese arrested in US secrets case

From David Watts, Tokyo

Tokyo police have arrested four men in connection with the theft of technical manuals from an American air base and their subsequent transfer to Soviet officials.

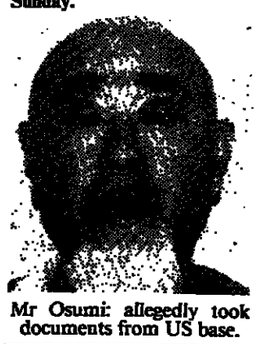
Mr V.B. Aksenov, an official of the Soviet trade representative's office, caught in the act of receiving documents in a Tokyo park on Tuesday, refused to answer police questions and fled on an Aeroflot flight to Moscow yesterday morning. Mr L. A. Solokov, the First Secretary of the Soviet Embassy in Tokyo, also allegedly involved, had already left the country on leave.

The four Japanese arrested were: Mr Hiroshi Osumi, aged 65, a technical librarian at Yokota air base outside Tokyo; Mr Masatera Tachibana, aged 59, a commentator on military affairs; Mr Hiromi Date, aged 62, an adviser to the China Technical Centre; and, Mr Setsuro Goto, aged 62, a businessman.

Police found cartons full of manuals for American military aircraft when they searched the homes of Mr Osumi and Mr Date.

Police allege that Mr Osumi stole the manuals and sold them to Mr Tachibana, Mr Date and Mr Goto.

The police had the Japanese under observation for some time. They believed the arrangement was a long-standing one and that the Soviets sent instructions every Sunday.



Mr Osumi: allegedly took documents from US base.

Widespread clashes erupt in Afghanistan

From Michael Hamlyn, Delhi

Fierce fighting is reported from six Afghan provinces as summer offensives get under way, Western diplomats said here.

The Kabul leadership is said to be promising massive retaliation when the six-month unilateral "ceasefire" expires on July 15. In fact the ceasefire itself has been virtually ignored as Mujahidin guerrillas and Russian and Afghan troops have clashed in Laghman, Loghar, Paktia, Nangaharand Kunar provinces, and around the cities of Ghazni and Kandahar.

Press gangs, supposed to have ceased under the terms of the ceasefire, have been seen back in Kabul parks forcibly inducting young men into the Army, leaving anguished relatives to gather outside the barrack gates.

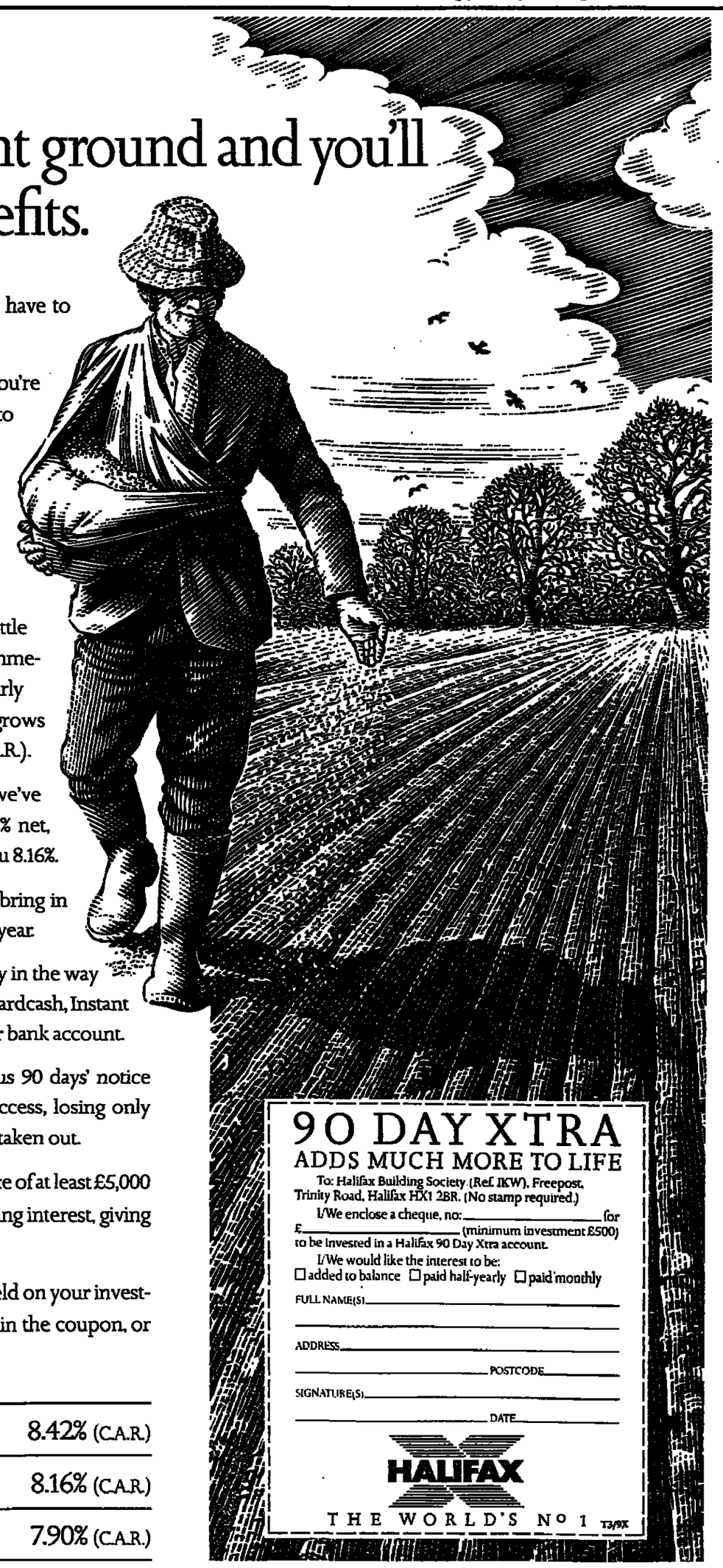
The diplomats said the fighting has been marked by vigorous retaliation on the part of the Russian occupation force against the civilian population.

Ten days ago, for example, the Russians attacked Qarabagh, 25 miles north of Kabul, and reportedly killed five civilians after a Mujahidin attack.

Outside Ghazni, in the village of Tourgan, Russian troops conducting a search were driven off by a Mujahidin attack. The Russians retaliated by shelling the village with consequent heavy civilian casualties, diplomats say.

● ISLAMABAD: Western diplomats here said the Afghan Minister for Islamic Affairs, Mr Abdul Jamil Zarifi, has been killed by rebels at the town of Gardez, Paktia province (AFP reports).

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Los Angeles battles city sprawl

Urban reality catching up with world's dream factory

From Charles Bremner, Los Angeles

Flying into Los Angeles from San Francisco, the stewardess makes her announcements in the native language: "We have coffee or tea," she says. "And for those passengers who prefer not to deal with reality today, we offer cocktails." Reality is something with which other Americans believe Southern Californians have difficulty.

For years, they have been thought to inhabit a mellow dreamland of palm trees, sunshine and freeways, a world of far-fetched trends and movie make-believe; a laid-back

The city is in danger of clogging up

place where formal attire means wearing socks.

You can still find all of that in "lala-land" as it is known. In the late Reagan years, while the country indulges its lust for money, spiritualism is enjoying a new boom here.

Across the state, hundreds of people are offering their services as mediums, or "channellers" as they call themselves, doing a multi-million-dollar business passing on advice from the long-deceased.

But reality is catching up fast with this megalopolis where some 12 million people live in a vast sprawl of interlocking suburbs that extends far beyond the city of Los Angeles.

Over the past decade, Los Angeles has eclipsed San Francisco as the premier Western financial centre, passed Chicago as the nation's second most-populous city and is now rivalling New York as a commercial centre.

With the torrent of Reagan dollars continuing to fuel the area's huge aerospace industry, Los Angeles is claiming the title of America's leading manufacturing region.

As the heart of a state whose economy is bigger than all but four West European countries, Los Angeles is facing up to an array of social and physical crises that hold lessons for the rest of the country.

Put briefly, Los Angeles cannot cope with its growth. With no more than the tiniest public transport system, the city is in danger of clogging up as the huge network of motorways reach saturation point and choke.

In November voters passed a much-disputed referendum proposal known as "Proposition U" which for the first time in the city's history attempts to curb its growth.

Backed by a group called the Not Yet New York Coalition, the new rules seek to prevent the "Manhattanization of Los Angeles" by imposing limits

Everybody wants to live on a five-acre lot

to the office and commercial space in a wide area of the city.

Backing for the proposition came from residents like those in the plush San Fernando Valley district of Encino, who built new houses and swimming pools only to find them in perpetual shade from new high-rise offices.

"Urbanologists" say Los Angeles is the first conglomeration in the world to have no real hub. Instead, there is what one expert, Robert Christopher Leinberger, calls a "metroplex of urban villages".

"Everybody wants to live on a five-acre lot, five minutes from the regional shopping mall and within walking distance of both the job and the symphony," he says.

On the other end of the scale, the city, run by a black mayor, Mr Tom Bradley, for the past 15 years, is struggling to absorb the flood of new arrivals from across the southern border and more recently from Asia.

In the November elections, the state's residents also approved a hotly-contested referendum proposal to declare English the official language of the state.

This was a reaction to the widespread "Hispanification" of the state as schools and public services increasingly conducted their affairs in Spanish and other languages.

Officially, non-Hispanic whites account for 48 per cent of the population while blacks account for 20 per cent, with Asians making up nearly 7 per cent and Hispanics 27 per cent.

But the Asian and Hispanic population is held by many here to be far higher because of illegal immigration. About a million "illegals" are expected to emerge in the US amnesty.

Five minutes' walk from the glitz and gloss of the booming financial district, the old downtown city centre streets have the Third World feel of a Mexican town.

Hands up for Israeli truce



In a rare moment of unity Mr Shimon Peres, the Israeli Foreign Minister, left, and Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Prime Minister, voting against three no confidence motions that threatened to bring down the coalition Government.

Prospects of an early election appeared to have been put on ice for the next couple of months at least following the defeat of the no-confidence motions late on Tuesday night. (David Bernstein writes from Jerusalem).

The Labour Party of Mr Peres opted to forego an opportunity to exploit the absence abroad of three Likud members to bring down the Government once it realised it would not get the 61 votes in the 120-member Knesset needed to call a new election.

The final blow to Labour's hopes was dealt late on Tuesday when the ultra-Orthodox Shas Torah Guardians Party signed a deal with the Likud undertaking to oppose early elections.

In return, Rabbi Yitzhak Peretz, the Shas leader who is to be returned to the Government as Minister without Portfolio, obtained a Likud pledge to secure a majority in the Knesset for far-reaching religious legislation.

Shoot on sight order in Meerut

Delhi — "Shoot on sight" orders were given to Indian soldiers last night as they patrolled the curfew-bound areas of Meerut in the northern state of Uttar Pradesh (Michael Hamlyn writes).

Seventeen people were killed in Hindu-Muslim rioting in the town, which left 200 homes and shops smouldering. Troops were also on the streets in the capital, 40 miles away.

Fire toll up

Peking (AFP) — The death toll in China's worst forest fire has risen above 200 and the fire is still spreading in three directions, the official *China Daily* said.

Donor bill

Singapore (Reuter) — Parliament approved a bill allowing doctors to remove, with certain exceptions, kidneys of dead accident victims for transplant.

Murder claim

San Salvador (Reuter) — Two Air Force cadet officers are to be charged with murdering Colonel Jose Guillermo Fuentes Ayala, second in command of the Artillery Brigade, on Saturday.

Blaze sentence

Tokyo (AFP) — Hideki Yokoi, the president of Tokyo's Hotel New Japan, has been jailed for three years for negligence over a fire there in 1982 in which 33 people died.

Free again

Vienna (Reuter) — Czechoslovak authorities have released from detention the human rights activist and Charter 77 signatory, Petr Pospichal, the news agency Kathpress said.

Bus tragedy

Cairo (Reuter) — Seventeen people died and 38 were injured when a bus collided with a truck north of Cairo.

Death penalty

Parchman, Missouri (Reuter) — A black man aged 26 was executed for the murder of a white man, the first such case since the US Supreme Court rejected a race-bias challenge to the death penalty.

Ex-MP fined

Singapore (Reuter) — Parliament fined former opposition member, Mr Joshua Jeyaretnam, and his Workers' Party £4,500 for contempt.

Airline strike

Madrid — Spain's domestic airline, Aviaco, cancelled 77 of its 103 scheduled flights because of a strike by stewards and stewardesses.

Massacre synagogue reopens

Istanbul (Reuter) - A clock stopped at 09.17, bloodstains on marble and bullet marks were the only visible signs of last September's massacre at the Neve Shalom synagogue here when it reopened for worship yesterday.

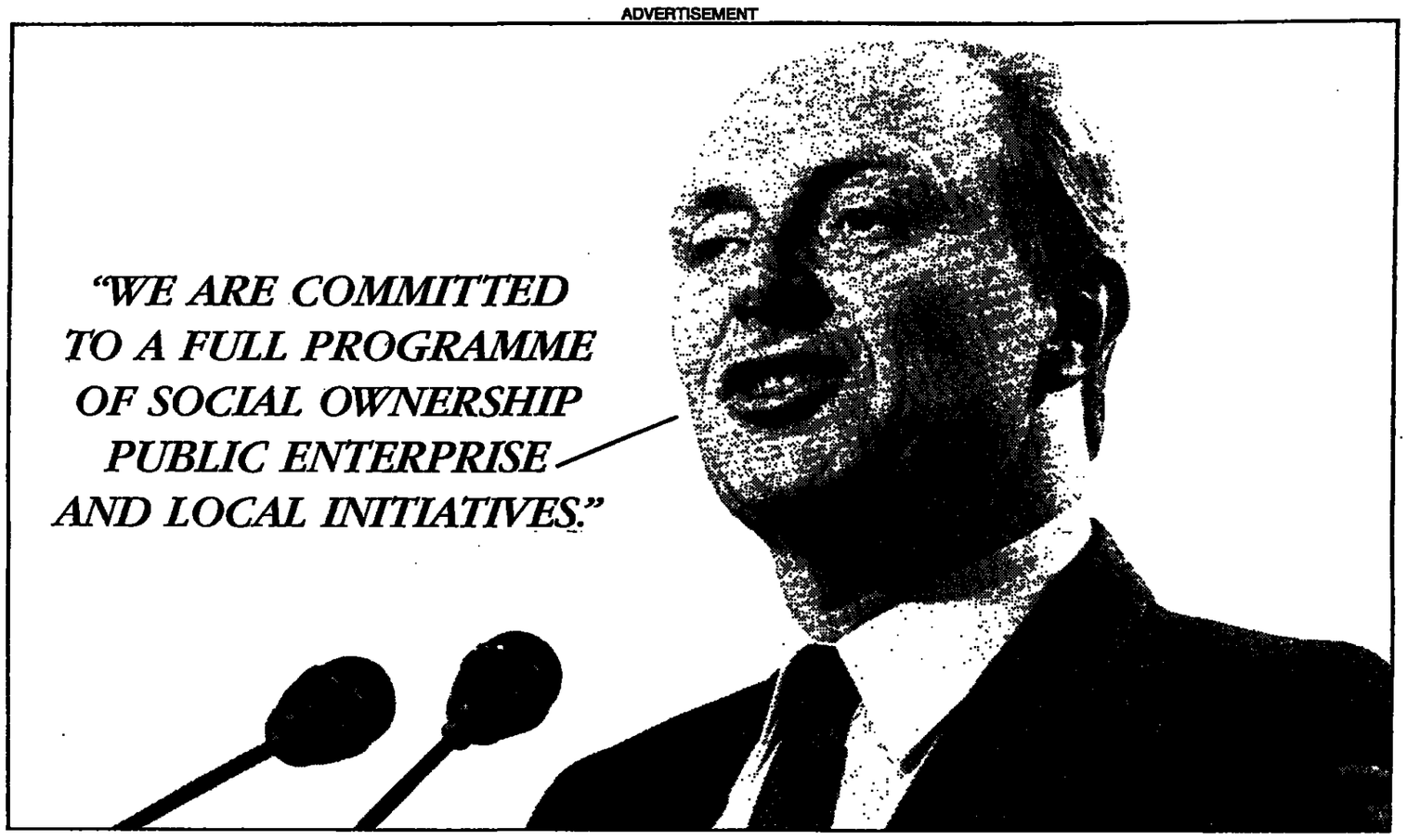
Members of the city's Jewish community were joined by diplomats and Turkish officials at prayers in the building where 22 worshippers were killed in a grenade and machine-gun attack.

Police have never identified the two attackers who were killed by their own grenades. A Turkish prosecutor has hinted that the attack was carried out by the Palestinian Abu Nidal terror group.

Mr Jak Veissid, a community leader, told the congregation: "Today we remember again and again the victims of the tragedy and it is a little consolation to know that, much more than we expected, we are not alone."

Relatives of the dead sat in a special side section of the synagogue as the holy scrolls were brought in and placed in the Holy Ark.

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South Africa's far right

Pledge to defend the 'fatherland'

From Michael Hornsby, Cape Town

The new right-wing leader of the official opposition in South Africa's white House of Assembly, Dr Andries Treurnicht, yesterday castigated what he termed the government's policy of "surrender of white political control through power-sharing".

The former minister of the Dutch Reformed Church and chairman of the once powerful, but now divided, Broederbond, the semi-secret society of the Afrikaner elite, was opening the no-confidence debate held at the start of every new parliamentary session.

Dr Treurnicht's Conservative Party (CP) is the first political party to the right of the Government to form the official opposition since President P.W. Botha's ruling National Party (NP) began its four decades of uninterrupted rule in 1948.

Dr Treurnicht said his party stood for "a lofty ideal" — a free white nation with its own government in its own fatherland. "The Afrikaner people and the broader white community refuse to be treated as a minority group in our own fatherland," he declared.

"We agree with Calvin that the forcing together of what is heterogeneous is tyranny. We reject the idea of a non-racial society for the whole of South Africa . . . We are a separate community that is entitled to full political self-determination. We shall never be satisfied with anything less."

Earlier, Dr Connie Mulder, the CP's spokesman on constitutional development, outlined to foreign journalists his party's concept of a new country for whites, carved out of the existing territory of South Africa in which no blacks would ever have the vote or citizenship.

Formed in 1982 when Dr Treurnicht and a group of MPs broke away from the NP in protest against the creation of separate parliamentary chambers for Indians and mixed-race Coloureds, the CP won 22 of the 166 seats in the white chamber in the white general election on May 6, thereby replacing the previous official opposition of the liberal Progressive Federal Party (PFP), which was reduced from 25 to 19 seats.

Partition plan revealed

From Our Own Correspondent, Cape Town

A new country for whites on the South African sub-continent, possibly called South Land, was conjured up here yesterday by Dr Connie Mulder, spokesman on constitutional development for the far-right Conservative Party (CP), the new official Opposition in the House of Assembly.

Dr Mulder said it was CP policy if it came to power to treat South Africa as a sub-continent and to partition it into 13 separate states — 10 of them for different black ethnic groups, one each for Coloureds and Indians, and one for whites.

"Ultimately, we will all be South Africans, but we will have our own names," Dr Mulder explained. Just as you have Germans, French, Portuguese and Spaniards living in Europe, we will have South Landers, Zulus, Xhosas and Tswanas living in South Africa.

"I want to take the whole concept of colour out of our political system. I don't want to talk about white South Africans and Coloured South Africans and black South Africans. It's an emotional concept in the international world. After partition, we'll have to give the so-called white South Africa a new name, which may, for argument's sake, be the South Land or the Free State."

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PORT OF DOVER **FOCUS** A SPECIAL REPORT

The surge of defiance under the white cliffs

On a clear day you can see France from the Dover Harbour Board's headquarters in the smart Victorian townhouse nestling at the end of the town's main promenade under the famous white cliffs.

But, come shine or rain, the more immediate view conjures up the heart and soul of England as a steady stream of vessels ply in and out of the harbour whose only protection from the sea is provided by three sweeping walls.

Ferries – in the form of ships, hovercraft and jetfoils – connecting England with the Continent dominate the marine traffic, but the port is also busy with the occasional cruise ship and the constant coming and going of small and medium-sized cargo ships from all over the world.

In spite of its size, a mere 150 acres of reclaimed land, Dover handles a staggering 15 per cent of Britain's trade, valued at £25 billion last year, meaning a throughput of goods worth about £60 million every day.

Dover's proximity to the European mainland has always lent it a special importance in both defence and trade, as Julius Caesar recognized when he described the "haven between the hills".

In the last 30 years its growth as a centre of commerce and passenger traffic has been somewhat spectacular and it is now second only to Heathrow as Britain's busiest port.

For the moment, though, Jonathan Sloggett, the Harbour Board's 35-year-old managing director and register, has his back turned to the scene of thriving industry, operated around the clock by the board's 1,000 employees, as he ponders the future.

Plans to complete the long-proposed but oft-abandoned idea of a Channel tunnel have cast a shadow over the town's future, but after a period of initial bewilderment at what was perceived to have been favourable treatment towards the tunnel by the British and French governments, a mood of defiance and anger is apparent.

Whether the Channel Tunnel becomes a working reality or not still means at least seven or eight years of uninterrupted business for Dover, handling an overall volume of passengers and cargo equal to the traffic of Gatwick Airport and Felixstowe combined, and although the longer term future is less clear no one in Dover is proposing to see it become a ghost town.

Jonathan Sloggett says: "In spite of the fact it's a "heads they win, tails we lose" situation, we certainly aren't going

Shadow over the town

to give them the pleasure of a surrender.

"We're investing £75 million in new facilities in the port and half our turnover in 1987/88 will go on a new traffic infrastructure so that we'll be ready to compete with the tunnel when and if it opens.

"What worries me is what happens if we beat the tunnel," he says, with the trained economist's long-term view. "If the tunnel beat us in fair competition then the ferries can go away, even if its over a period of time.

" A tunnel just won't go away once it's there. We feel it will be refinanced and rebuilt and then what it will unfortunately mean is that Britain's transport connections are worsened, not improved, because there will be fewer ferries, less diversity and higher prices."

The use of the term "flexible link" to describe its sea-going ferry system is chosen deliberately to throw down the gauntlet to the fixed link of an undersea rail route.

For the Eastern Docks, a new pontoon berth with a flexible link span to accommodate any kind of roll-on roll-off vessel is being built in the Sunderland shipyards and should be floated round the coast within the next six months to sit on concrete foundations being installed.

In the Western Docks, a new train ferry berth is being built that will enable ships to come in at any stage of the tide, which is a major step forward for handling rail freight.

The facility is being tailor-made for the 167m *Nor Pas de Calais* now under construction in France. When the two-deck ship is in operation, lorries will load via an elevated roadway while rail-freight carriages will roll straight on to the lower deck.

"Certainly though we don't draw the line at roll-on-roll-off traffic. We are looking beyond normal port business." Mr Sloggett adds, as yet another ferry turning in the harbour underlines the impressive statistic that a vessel leaves Dover on average once every 17 minutes.

"At the moment our main task is roll-on, roll-off traffic, but if that changes we are still charged with using the assets of the harbour as best we can."

Tourism, dockland development, general cargo, specialized ferry connections, and significantly, enterprise management, are all put forward as areas of potential diversification which would help to provide a secure future for the thousands of employees to whose loyalty Mr Sloggett frequently pays tribute.

Apart from the Harbour Board's 1,000 staff, 11,000 people are employed in the port – sailors, stevedores, customs officers and so on – while at least another 20,000 people in the town are directly dependent on the port for their livelihoods.

The flexible nature of Dover's link to Europe is emphasized by the fact that there are five different cross-Channel destinations – Boulogne, Calais and Dunkirk in France, and Ostend and Zeebrugge in Belgium – and the across-the-board growth in traffic testifies to the demand for varied services by passengers and freight operators.

Dover's success as Britain's principle European gateway rules out the need to propagate falsehoods and Mr Sloggett is

Vessels every 17 minutes

quite frank about the advantages a Eurotunnel may offer.

" I happen to think that the tunnel offers foot passengers a better service than ferries," he admits.

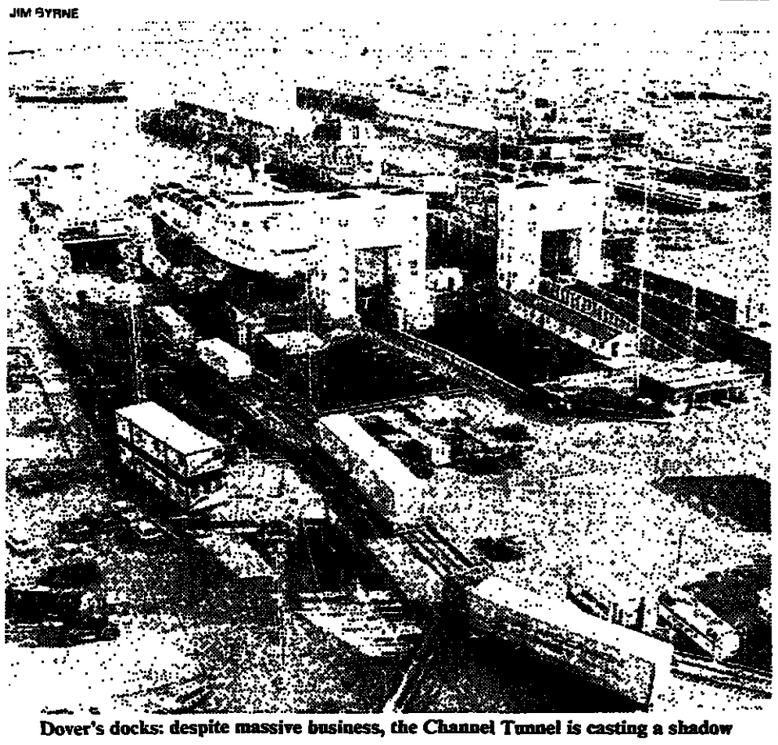
"We don't have an awful lot to be proud about in terms of foot passengers, so we should be concentrating on really profitable markets like cars and lorries.

" It's a matter of designing a competitive strategy, so we leave the tunnel with the rubbish.

"If a drive-through tunnel does get developed though, we'll say 'Great, go ahead, let us run it for you'."

Guy Ker

JIM SYRNE



Dover's docks: despite massive business, the Channel Tunnel is casting a shadow

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Dover menu: Jonathan Sloggett, left, is in a no-surrender mood over the proposed Channel Tunnel, and John Gerrard is critical of the lack of quality road access to the harbour

The night fliers

The sight of lorries marked with the livery of the world's leading airlines passing through Dover in the middle of the night might come as a surprise to some people, but testifies to the port's efficiency as a ferry terminal.

It is now the busiest international destination for roll-on roll-off traffic in the world and its 24-hour service means that even airfreight is dispatched across the Channel by operators who rely on faster delivery than they could achieve waiting for airports to open up each morning.

As well as the 14 million passengers and 1.6 million tourist vehicles using the port every year, 800,000 trucks pass through Dover, many of them at night.

For most people though, Dover is synonymous with a holiday trip to the Continent, and a concerted effort has been launched to cement its status as the unchallenged holiday gateway.

John Turgoose, the Dover Harbour Board's director of finance and marketing, says: "We are keen to emphasize that when you get to Dover, the holiday starts.

"We are providing new services and trying to make people feel relaxed that the hassle of the journey is over."

Despite the Herald of Free Enterprise disaster earlier this year, officials in Dover emphasize that the ferry industry's safety record is still unequalled by any other form of mass transportation.

"We've had fewer incidents in 34 years of roll-on roll-off service than the airline industry has in one year," is a typical comment.

The biggest news for several years in terms of expanded passenger service takes place this summer when Townsend Thoresen introduces its two super ferries, the Pride of Dover and the Pride of Calais, which, at 20,000 tonnes each with a carrying capacity of 2,400 passengers and 700 cars, will be twice the size of existing ferries.

Unfortunately, work on the new Number Three berth to accomodate these ships is behind schedule after delays in obtaining official permission to reclaim the camber, which will be filled in with 800,000 cubic metres of Goodwin Sand (for which the Crown Lands Office receives a royalty of 26 pence each), so the old Number Five berth has been updated to take the strain.

In charge of all the new

The road signs for Dover

construction to match port facilities with expanded services is John Gerrard, director of engineering.

"We have to provide the infrastructure to cope with developments in services provided by the ferry operators. Out of every passenger ticket we get a levy of 62p, while lorries, for example, pay more than £7 each, and that helps to pay for the on-shore facilities.

" Unfortunately though, what happens outside the harbour is beyond our control," he adds with deliberation, choosing his words carefully as he takes a swipe at years of what is widely perceived within the harbour to be government neglect.

"It took me three years to persuade the Department of Transport to put up signs for Dover on the M25. There isn't a motorway that comes straight to the harbour and we haven't even got a dual carriageway all the way here.

"You get 1.8 million cars, 800,000 big lorries and 121,000 buses all coming down a country lane."

The vast array of services to France and Belgium now available are provided by the two main ferry companies, Sealink British Ferries and Townsend Thoresen; Hoverspeed, which offers up to 27 "flights" a day to Calais and Boulogne in the peak season; and RTM, a Belgian partner with Townsend Thoresen that runs a 100-minute Jetfoil service to Ostend with the Prinses Stephanie and the Princesse Clementine

Packages designed to cater for the whole range of holiday budgets are on offer, from Townsend Thoresen's prestigious French Motorail Package ("Some people prefer to drive after they arrive") to the special offer short breaks and day-return shopping expeditions that have provided much of the recent boom, especially in off-peak seasons.

"We learnt from that experience and we now get ferry operators to tell us about their special offers, so we can persuade the Government to increase customs manning levels at times that are traditionally quiet," said Paul Youden, the Harbour authority's PR manager.

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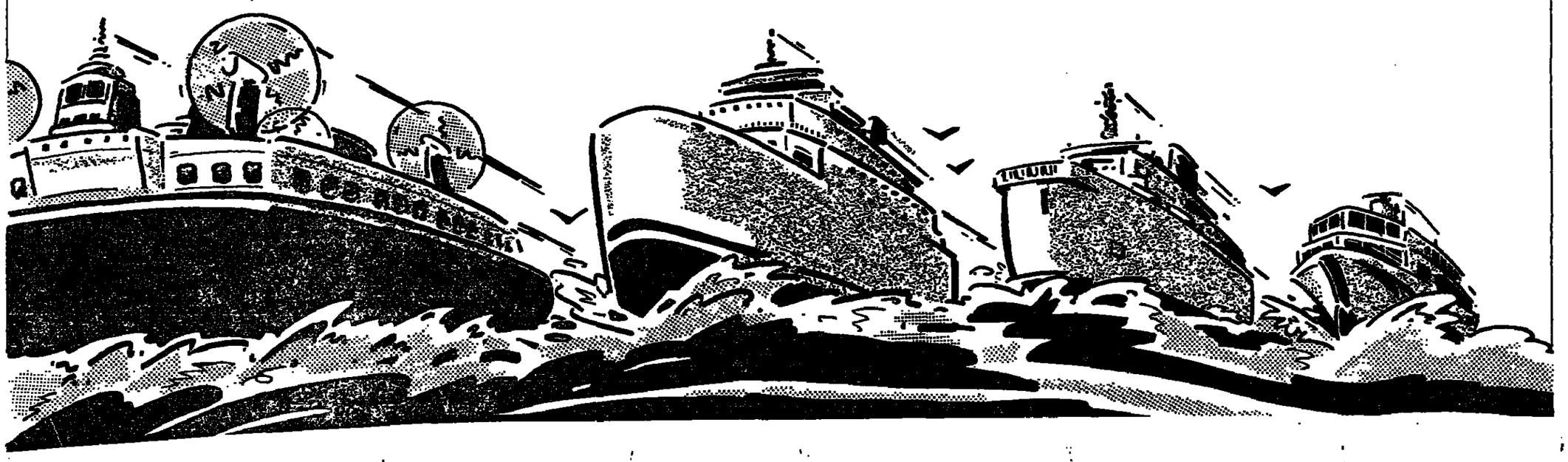
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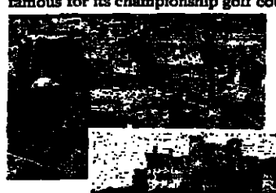
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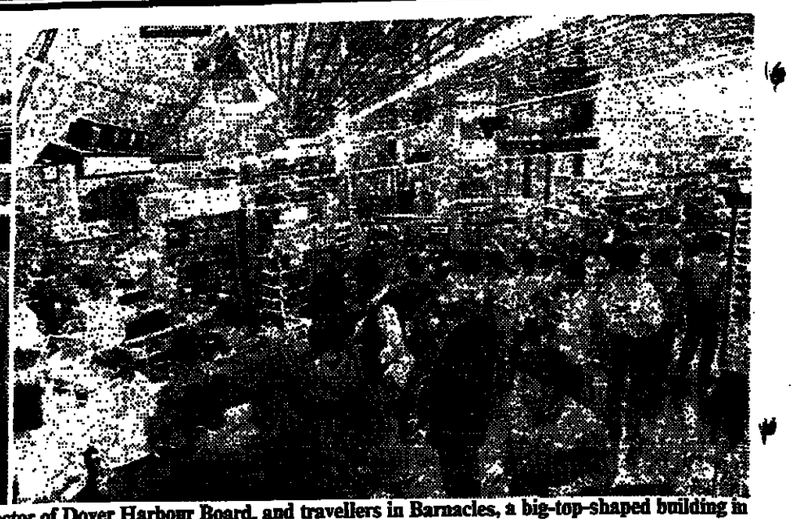
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Less red tape more speed,

John Potter, deputy managing director of Dover Harbour Board, and travellers in Barnacles, a big-top-shaped building in Eastern Docks. The airport ethos is noticeable

A seemingly endless chain of big trucks rumble to and from giant illuminated destination boards on three levels at Dover's Eastern Dock.

Though the volume of cars and coaches fluctuates with the holiday season, the movement of freight is constant: 24 hours a day every day of the week, at the world's busiest drive-on, drive-off terminal.

Last year no fewer than 857,774 lorries used the port, an average of well over 2,000 a day and an increase of 59,398 over the previous year.

As the names blazened on the sides of many of the lorries show, they come and go from all over Europe.

Once inside the port, traffic enters a closely monitored network designed to funnel it towards one of six berths and guide an international community of drivers through passport, customs and immigration controls.

To reduce time wasted in import procedures, the Dover Harbour Board last year introduced a direct trader input (DTI) computer system. This links clearing agents, ferry operator and customs by computer, enabling the agents to give details of shipments and make VAT or other payments automatically.

The DTI system which cost more than £2 million in development costs started last August after three years of trials and became fully operational in November.

The system enables ferry operators to put the ship's manifest into the computer before the vessel arrives at the port. The agent is automatically notified at this point and any customs queries can be passed directly to him. This is particularly valuable when a single vehicle is carrying a mixed consignment of goods and the driver may not be aware of all the particulars.

According to a habour board official, one result has already been that under normal circumstances no lorry now has to stay in the port for more than one hour, compared with about four hours under the old manual system.

Another feature of the Dover DTI system is a computer mailbox facility to transmit local messages between users. Observers say that the increased use of computers is beginning to lead to more efficient use of haulage units through, for instance, fewer empty return journeys and more mixed consignments.

The new system has brought a dramatic reduction in the paperwork which drivers need to handle.

As part of its overall investment in facilities for freight vehicles and their drivers the harbour board opened a new £1.3 million complex, named the Wheelhouse, a few yards from the import freight building last summer.

Designed for truckers by architects Dudley Marsh Son and Partners, this provides shower and toilet facilities, a television lounge, shopping facilities, a waitress service restaurant and a bar.Like the port itself, the Wheelhouse is open around the clock. It has proved popular with drivers of all nationalities who can watch the television monitors for notification via their vehicle registration numbers of customs clearance as they relax.

A new freight development at Dover's Western Docks, most of which is leased to British Rail and Sealink, is the construction of a new train ferry berth. Work began this year on the new berth which will cost £9 million and will replace the existing enclosed berth which has been in use for more than 50 years.

Scheduled to begin operations next January, the new berth is being designed to accommodate a £23 million train ferry nearing completion for Dunkirk for the French railway company SNCF.

SNCF's new ship will contain six railway tracks capable of carrying 600 metres of rail freight on the lower deck. On the upper deck there are lanes sufficient for 690 metres of road freight. Its overall length is about 167 metres and it will have a gross tonnage of about 13,700. This means that it will have a capacity equal to about four of the existing ships.

The new berth at Dover is being matched by an equivalent facility at Dunkirk where the port authorities are spending an estimated £5.5 million on a berth which will be finished at the same time as the one at Dover.

Both berths can be used at any state of the tide and berthing procedures will be considerably quicker than at present to allow four round trips every 24 hours.

As part of the Dover scheme, new rail sidings are to be laid at the Admiralty Pier at an estimated cost of £500,000 and the existing railway carriage sheds will be razed.

In the meantime, Sealink have switched 500,000 tonnes of annual rail freight, which until earlier this year was routed between Harwich and Zeebrugge, into Dover.

Since January, the *Cambridge* train ferry has been operating two round trips daily between Dover and Dunkirk. This survived a collision in thick fog off Dover earlier this month with one of the existing two ships, the *St Eloi*.

The transfer of the *Cambridge* to Dover has brought the port's rail freight tonnage up to one million a year. It is estimated that the new French ferry service could bring the total to two million tonnes

Announcing the new train berth, John Potter, the deputy managing director of Dover Harbour Board, said that it demonstrated Dover's "determination to compete with a Channel Tunnel, if indeed there was one."

He added that agreements had been signed by the various railway and shipping interests to ensure the new train-berth facility would be used for at least 10 years, five years after the projected opening of the fixed link.

Agreements would also allow for other ferry companies to use the new berth.

Pat Tisdall

A ship with six tracks able to carry 600 metres of rail freight on the lower deck

WHEN THE SHIPS COME IN

	1985	1986	Percentage change
Passengers	13,783,840	14,374,336	+4.28
Accompanied cars & motorcycles	1,611,738	1,892,249	+17.40
Coaches	117,669	121,951	+3.64
Lorries	798,376	857,774	+7.44
Other roll-on, roll-off freights	128,816	155,972	+21.08
Number of vessels entering the port	1,377	1,266	-8.06

Source: Dover Harbour Board

Putting on airs

Julie Haigh, one of the Dover Harbour Board's public relations experts, whose task is to show visitors around the services packed on to the slender foreshore, was formerly a British Airways stewardess.

Apart from the poetic logic of progressing from the air to the sea, her former profession turned out to be an appropriate training ground for the new job, because Dover is deliberately adopting the slick style and tight management of an airport in preference to the more picturesque but chaotic aura of a seaport.

Conversations with directors are littered with comparisons between the port and Heathrow and Gatwick, and an attempt is being made to supersede the services that passengers demand at airports, but do not necessarily expect elsewhere.

The underlying philosophy is that though the port is not a long-stay area, passengers should have maximum comfort and minimum inconvenience. To speed traffic through customs areas, new customs gates have been installed, meaning 12 officers on duty at peak times.

But the complete elimination of traffic hold-ups on the foreshore should be achieved with the completion next year of an elevated roadway separating outward-bound vehicles from traffic trying to board the vessels.

The four-lane overpass is part of the port's three-year, £75 million rebuilding programme.

The airport ethos is most noticeable inside Barnacles, a big-top-shaped building in the middle of Eastern Docks run by Trust House Forte. There is little space for passengers to lounge around in, although a small seating area alongside the fast-food restaurant provides the option of a seated meal.

A well-stocked supermarket at the north end of the complex sells almost any last-minute item that a holidaymaker or truck driver might need.

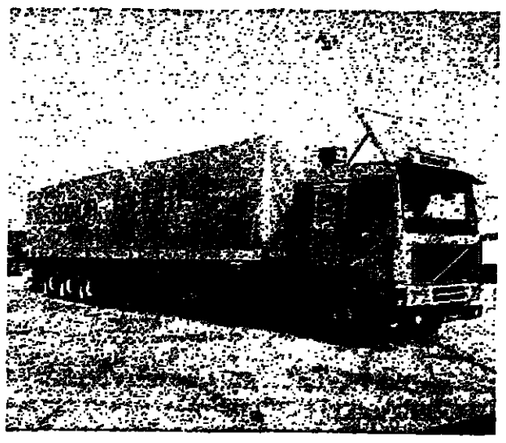
A fully computerized hotel reservations system gives up-to-date details of available accomodation throughout South-East England and northern France.

An interesting passenger-orientated venture in this respect is a special guide book called *Over from Dover*, from the Dover Harbour Board in conjunction with the BBC, which gives a comprehensive list of what to do in and around the five Continental Channel ports.

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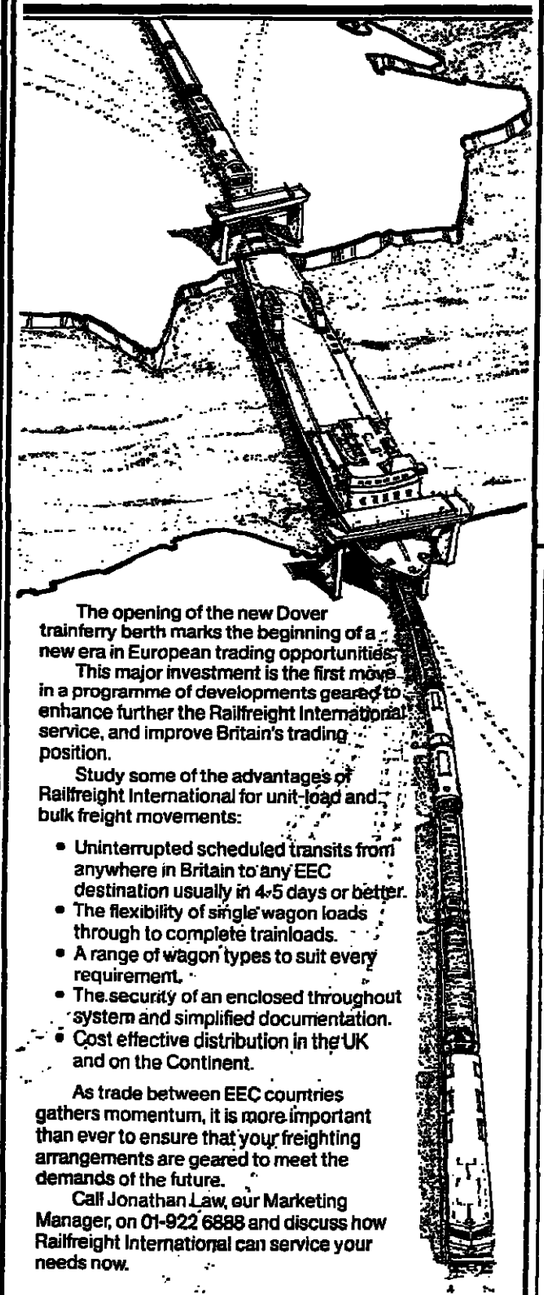
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Your health comes first

Though increasing volumes of freight are transported in pre-packed containers these days, a considerable tonnage is still handled in bulk at the quayside. Food products present a particular challenge for the authorities, writes *Pat Tisdall.*

One of the many behind-the-scenes operations, rarely seen by the general traveller, involves monitoring and checking all food imports to ensure that they comply with British and EEC health and consumer safety requirements. Products which fail prescribed tests may be rejected and in extreme cases the consignment may have to be destroyed.

The last year involved several exceptional crises for the Port Health section of the Dover District Council, who are responsible for the checks. These included the risk of radio-active contamination from food imports from Eastern block countries after the accident at Chernobyl in 1986.

Then there was the methyl alcohol found in some Italian wine which resulted in special checks being made in imports, while routine sampling included a consignment of salami heavily contaminated with Salmonella.

Since 1980, there has been an increase of more than 60 per cent in the volume of food imported through Dover from destinations in Cyprus, Israel and Africa, as well as from other European countries. Further big increases are expected once a new berth, capable of accommodating deep sea ships as well as conventional cross-Channel ferries, comes into operation in June.

The new berth will be located seawards of the Camber at the Eastern docks and will be supported by a tank structure ballasted with sea water, to sit on the sea bed. It has involved a contract for the provision of a pontoon-supported double-width bridge costing £2 million being awarded by the DHB to MacGregor Navire (UK).

Although larger cargo vessels tend to discharge on to the Eastern docks, the enclosed Granville and Wellington docks, at the west side of the port – which have extensive warehousing facilities – also play an important part in the economic activity of the port. Products handled there include road construction material, rock salt, solid fuel, magnetite and pumice.

Bulk cargoes handled at both docks in 1986 totalled about 221,746 tonnes, an increase from about 200,000 tonnes in the preceding year, when the largest cargo was stone chippings from Plymouth and Wales.

In terms of exports, Dover has established itself as the leading port for the export of Kent grain to Europe. Some 100,000 tonnes of grain are sent through Dover to Russia and other destinations, using four conveyors which can handle a total of 2,500 tonnes of grain a day.

Motors by the million

One of Dover Harbour Board's remarkable achievements has been its accommodation of an enormous increase in vehicle traffic into the small amount of land available between the sea and the cliff base at its drive-on, drive-off Eastern Docks.

In 1952, when the first drive-on ferry terminal was established (up to then cars had to be hoisted aboard by crane), the port handled a total of 100,000 vehicles.

Last year this had risen to around 3 million – 1.9 million cars, and motorcycles, nearly 1 million lorries and 122,000 coaches – in addition to more than 14 million foot passengers.

The problems of land limitation have been tackled in several ways. One has been to improve efficiency and reduce delays in loading and unloading by, for example, separating different categories of traffic and by effective signposting.

A second way has been substantial investment in land reclamation from the sea – £140 million at 1985 prices – in clearance of old buildings

A clever use of space is essential

and in the flexible use of parking space; for instance, allowing coaches to use freight parks at weekends.

A third has been the three-dimensional use of space through the construction of elevated access roads.

Access to and from the Eastern Docks is by a dual-carriageway viaduct which sweeps down from the main A2 from London into the dock area. Opened in the mid-1970s, this bypasses urban congestion in the town and on the seafront promenade.

In 1984, the port authorities opened an £8 million coach passenger terminal with an elevated coach deck giving facilities for clearing inward traffic on the ground level and departing passengers on the first floor.

A further step towards putting a quart into a pint pot by building upwards opened last December, and involved a £4.8 million elevated road.

Cars, buses and lorries now drive up a three-lane wide ramp and then fan out to pass through an appropriate passport control point constructed on top of the elevated section. They then return to the ground level via a four-lane down ramp to join one of several ferries which may be loading sumultaneously.

Direct road access to the western harbour, from which the hovercraft and jetfoil services operate, is via the A20/M20. A new and much needed 10-kilometre stretch of dual carriageway along the part of this route, which links Dover to Folkestone, is due to open by the end of the decade.

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Bright ideas for jobs

A remarkable transformation has occurred in the attitudes of Dover residents and officials to the port on their doorstep during the 12 months since the fixed-link Eurotunnel treaty was signed.

There has been a new sense of cooperation and common interest and the beginnings of an exchange of information since the Dover District Council and the Chamber of Commerce united with the Harbour Board and the ferry operators in an anti-tunnel lobby group.

The local authority's argument against the tunnel is that any threat to the port could have serious implications for the economy of the district as a whole since fully one third of the area's workforce is engaged in port-related employment.

Although technically part of the prosperous south-east, in fact the Dover and Thanet area is an economic black-spot with up to 18 per cent unemployment. While the 1980s brought expansion to the port, coal mining, the area's other traditional employment mainstay, declined sharply.

Since a search for alternative economic and employment activities was already in progress, the authorities were able to order an immediate review of policies following the treaty signature. Tourism was identified as a key area for development in terms of job creation and to attract investment needed for general revitalization.



Promoting the town: John Drover is geared to meet motorists' demands

Odd though it may seem to those in depressed areas, which do not possess an abundance of attractive natural scenery or famous landmarks, Dover and East Kent has never paid much attention to the development of tourism and leisure industry potential.

Throughout the 1970s local historians and archaeologists, as well as tourist officers, were voices in the wilderness. Between 1970 and 1976 several hundred volunteers shifted 4,000 tons of soil and rubble to uncover and preserve Roman remains discovered by the Kent Archaeological Rescue Unit in the centre of the town.

Known as the Roman Painted House, (from the painted panels which adorned the walls) this has become a popular centre for visitors and could form a part of a Roman Heritage Centre planned as one of 20 large-scale projects envisaged in the council's new tourist development proposals.

Although it is prepared to invest considerable sums of ratepayers' money in the new projects, the authorities are also seeking partnership arrangements with other public bodies and with commercial organizations. An example is the way in which a travel market for commercial tour operators has developed a programme of short holidays in the area, which includes day trips to either Calais, Boulogne or Ostend.

Although publicly welcoming any improvement in facilities for visitors the Harbour Board officials' private response is that both extra car parking, and caravan space in particular, would have been appreciated far more a decade ago when ferries were smaller and waiting time for motorists, particularly those with caravans, was longer.

In the meantime the Harbour Board is itself beginning to promote the town's attractions. John Drover, Secretary of Dover Hoteliers and Guest Houses Association, is particularly appreciative of the association's listing in the harbour board's recently produced *Dover Traveller's Guide* and for the distribution of literature by the board's national advertisements and exhibitions.

The association's 50 members are keenly aware that the bulk of their livelihood comes from port users. They are geared to giving a round-the-clock service and to meeting the requirements of motorists who may have driven long distances on the Continent before making the short sea crossing to England.

Some Dover councillors would like to see more ambitious marina and retail development along the lines of London's St Katharine's Dock, in the board's Wellington Dock and Snagate Street waterfront. They would also like a major new hotel development in the west side of the town.

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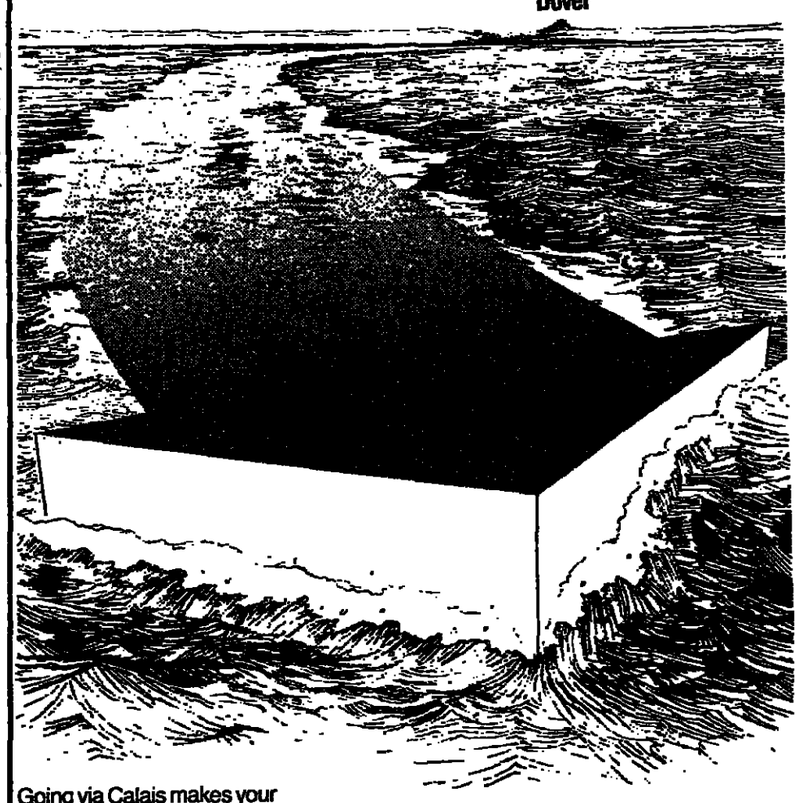
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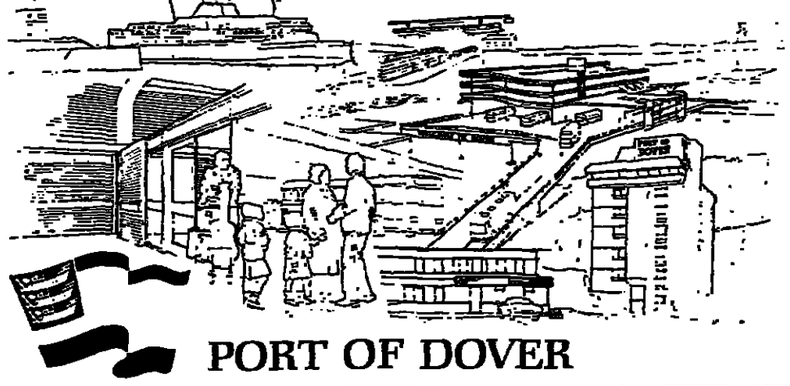
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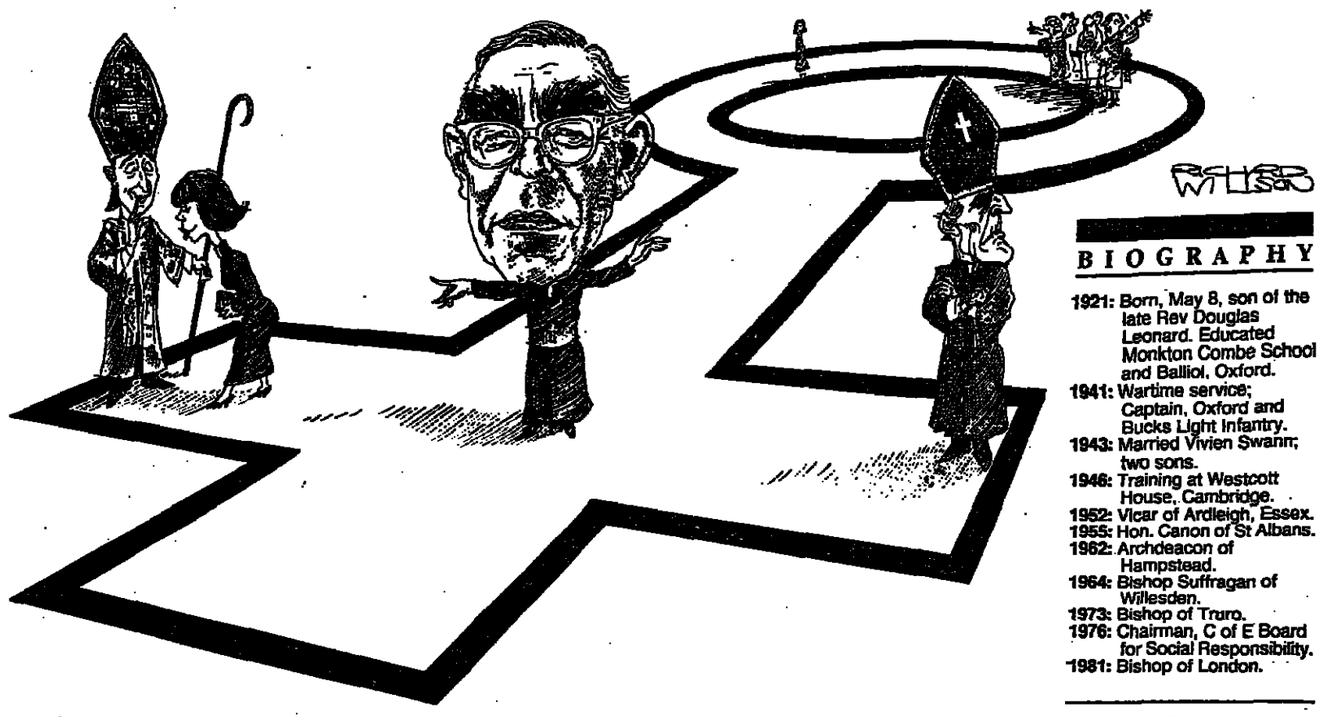
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Will the ordination of women break up the Church of England? The leading protagonist reveals his thinking to *The Times*

On the edge of schism



THE TIMES PROFILE

THE BISHOP OF LONDON

In Philadelphia today church traditionalists will rally round the man determined if necessary to break the mould of Anglicanism. The issue is the ordination of women; the man is Dr Graham Leonard, Bishop of London.

He is the star speaker at two theological conferences of church conservatives, including opponents of women's ordination, in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and Philadelphia, the latter starting today. Entitled "Rebuilding the house of God" and organized by a body called the International Council for the Apostolic Faith, based in Greenwich, Connecticut, the conference aims to co-ordinate worldwide opposition to "liberal" trends in the Anglican Communion, such as the ordination of women, which has already caused several splinter groups to leave the Anglican Church in America.

Clearly Dr Leonard has emerged as the leader and indeed the inspiration of this and similar reactionary movements in the Anglican Communion, though it is a leadership to which he has never laid claim. His opponents dismiss such modesty as mere mischief on his part; but there is a more theological explanation, closer to the truth. Schism — splitting the church — is a sin. If it splits, therefore, he wishes to be among the sinned-against, not the sinners. He knows the exact pages in John Henry Newman in which that great Anglican exile discussed the rights and wrongs of schism, and he likes to read them out with relish.

Nevertheless he is now tentatively moving towards the idea of an Anglican breakaway body, though he would deny the term. Since February he has started to put much less emphasis on the idea of talks with other churches, such as the Roman Catholic Church: probably because that particular kite was not regarded by many of his supporters as a very pretty one. As one of them said at the time: "If I wanted to be a Roman Catholic, I would be one already."

Dr Leonard has evidently been persuaded away from such tidy solutions, although he still mentions them as possibilities. So there have been no secret talks yet between himself and emissaries from the Vatican. "It may well be that we have got to be prepared to live in a much less rigid framework," he said.

He continues to insist that he is not proposing to lead a section of the church into a separate so-called "continuing church" — though it is clear that his opposition is now more to the name (an American neologism) than to the idea. But he is content to give the impression that his thoughts are still half-formed, and of a man groping after the right thing to do in a mess not of his making.

"It could be a model of a . . . I don't want to use the words 'continuing church', which I am unhappy about. But, you see, after all, the fundamental unit of ecclesiastical structure is the diocese, and it could result in an association of dioceses without, in any way, a formal constitution turning it into an institutional body.

"In other words you could have a situation in which a number of dioceses were in communion with one another, without having formally tried to establish themselves as the this or that or the other, as a body with a different name in a breakaway sense. This is a possibility which I think has got to be investigated."

This "organism" would have the power to reproduce itself, that is to say its bishops would be willing to consecrate new bishops. That the media would immediately label it as "this or that or the other", and the label would stick, does not seem to have occurred to him.

"The instinct has always been to set up a great body and have a constitution, with all the ramifications of all that. It may well be that we have got to be prepared to live in a much less rigid framework, of a relationship of certain dioceses in communion. There are all sorts of problems this raises."

Not least of the problems would be the reaction of many church members in the diocese of London if their bishop suddenly announced that he was taking himself, and them, out of communion with the Archbishop of Canterbury, and into communion with a small group of like-minded bishops in England and abroad.

But Dr Leonard seems to envisage that each diocese would make its choice at the time it elected its bishop. That presents special problems in England, where bishops are not elected but appointed by the Crown after consultation.

"The election of the bishop would be absolutely crucial as he would, in fact, be the focus then of the diocesan mind. The diocese in electing a bishop would be making a judgement, about which communion, as it were, it was going to be with." Dr Leonard said. "That raises terrible problems in this country because of our mode of appointing bishops."

This apparent impasse in his thinking does not, in fact, daunt him. He began to speculate what would happen if an English diocese, through its Vacancy in See Committee when a new appointment was due, asked for a bishop who believed that the relationship of full communion with Canterbury should be changed. But he retreated from this particular ecclesiastical precipice behind the remark that he had yet to think it through.

"What worries me is this instinctive feeling that you have got to set up a great body with all sorts of terrific overheads, rather than go back to a much more primitive concept of bishops being in communion."

Dr Leonard has manifestly shifted his ground since February, when in an interview with *The Times* he spoke of his face being turned resolutely against "continuing churches".

The theory of a continuing church is that it claims to represent the authentic "continuing" Anglican tradition, the larger group being deemed to have broken away from it by ordaining women. That, in fact, is exactly how many of Dr Leonard's supporters see the situation developing, but he has now to persuade them to call it something else, and not to demand a worked-out book of rules from the start.

There was a stage in Dr Leonard's campaigning when talk of breaking away seemed no more than a way of putting pressure on the rest of the church to hold fire on the ordination of women. Though some of his enemies still argue that that is what he is doing, it no longer carries conviction — he is too far down the road. And in less than five years, if he was bluffing, his bluff could be called, as he well knows. Among many of those who are following him, too, the prospect of having to step outside the Church of England is close enough to have the chill wind of reality to it, which concentrates the mind. And if it really was all bluff, he would not be backing away from threatening to talk to the Roman Catholic or Orthodox Churches. As a pure threat, it is a good one. As a prospect, it causes much High Church alarm.

The real clue to the thinking of the Bishop of London is to be found on page 116 of the Church of England Year Book, where it is recorded under the entry for the Diocese of London — "Founded in 314". He is its 130th bishop. To a see with such a lineage even Canterbury (founded 597) is junior. In other words London stands *par excellence* for the unbroken tradition of English Christianity from the time of the Fathers; and the Church of England, to which the diocese of London currently belongs, may or may not warrant a continued relationship.

And there is no hint in Dr Leonard whatever of the dreams of some Anglo-Catholics that the Church of England may one day "return to the fold" of the Roman Catholic communion. He once remarked that if and when the Pope visited London he would welcome him as "the leader of a foreign church". What Dr Leonard believes in is in all but name the "Church of London", with himself its primate. And needless to say such aspirations make for a very bumpy relationship with the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie.

For here is a man who believes he has the right to unplug the Church of London's sacramental link, called "being in communion with . . .", from one socket in order to stick it into another; out of Canterbury and into Rome or Constantinople; or even into a new ecclesiastical ring-main of his own devising, made in England.

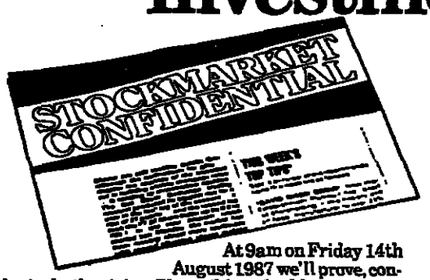
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The Russians train for it for months. The Americans have entered only once; their team came eighth out of 21. But the British, the only team never to bother with extra training, regularly sweep the top medals.

It is the Physics Olympiad, five days of exams and practical problem-solving for the world's most scientific sixth formers. Next month an all-male British team of five flies to Jena, East Germany, to compete against 120 other young Einsteins.

There are no girls on the team. Girls "don't like being wrong" and can't cope with the aggression and competition, the team told me.

The team was picked through Institute of Physics tests which turned teachers pale. Last year's contestants were presented with a mysterious computer simulation and given five hours to discover what it was (atomic movement inside a liquid). To qualify this year they had to use a microcomputer to measure frictional forces in a flywheel.

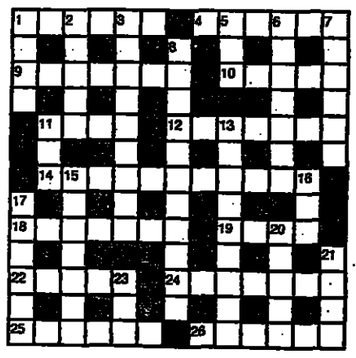
Where is all this genius destined for? Certainly not British industry. "I'd only work as an industrial scientist in America, where the money and the attitudes are so much better," said William Christopherson, from Eton.

His team mate Simon Christmas might consider industry but not as a scientist. The boys will not specialize in physics at university, the trendy choice for young geniuses nowadays being Natural Sciences at Cambridge. The team is horrified by science research salaries.

Martin Andrews, 19, who is in the Olympiad for the second year running, has already been seduced by the fast fortunes of the City of London, where he is working in his "gap". "I feel divided," he said. "I don't really want to be a kind of barrow boy in a broker's office. But who would ever go into science research in Britain? It is not taken seriously."

Sarah Thompson

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HEALTH

Cheers – but no thanks

Are alcoholics weak-willed people who should pull themselves together, or do they have a genetic predisposition to drink? Liz Gill talks to Joyce and James Ditzler, who believe that alcoholism is a disease that can be treated – and may be cured



Alan Weller

'Sympathy and protective kindness can kill'

JOYCE AND JAMES DITZLER

There are as many drunks in Debrett as there are in the dustbin, according to Joyce Ditzler – "probably more if you think of the origins of the phrase 'drunk as a lord'." She should know. For 12 years she and her husband James have been rescuing them from the great houses as well as the gutter. *Alcohol is no respecter of persons.*

"One of the biggest problems is getting away from the view that a drunk is a weak-willed pain in the neck who should pull himself together," she says. She used to think that way herself when she trained as a nurse. She changed her views when she was working with addicts in America, where she met her husband, a psychologist.

Their experiences there and at Farm Place, the clinic they founded in Ockley, Surrey, have fuelled their conviction that alcoholism is a treatable illness, not a moral issue; this premise forms the basis of their new book *Coming Off Drink*.

Farm Place treats as many women as men (nationally, for every three male alcoholics there are now two women). The Ditzlers are wary of attributing it to modern pressures, since their philosophy hinges on the concept that "you have problems because you drink, not vice versa". But they point to three key factors which affect the disease generally: the availability of alcohol, the money to buy it and lack of supervision.

The facts make sobering reading. There are at least 750,000 alcoholics in Britain. One recent estimate suggests that the illness costs the country £1.5 billion a year with a loss to industry of £600 million. Alcohol abuse plays a major part in hospital admissions, child battering and violent crime. For every drug addict there are 20 alcoholics, most of them married with children. But there is still some doubt as to what extent alcoholism is a disease.

The Ditzlers, however, define it thus: "A chronic illness resulting in an ever-increasing dependence on alcohol, with an associated decline in physical and emotional health; an impairment of relations at home and at work and a deterioration in personal standards of behaviour.

"People get very hung up about quantity. They say: 'I can't be a drunk because I don't drink a bottle a day,' but that's right at the end of the disease.

"A test is to ask yourself whether drinking causes you harm in any area of your life – family, social, financial, health or ethical. If it does, and you still drink, that's a problem.

"For instance there's this new report about a link between breast cancer and alcohol. Now a normal drinker would say that's frightening and cut down. An alcoholic would say: 'that's really scary, let's have a drink'."

Why some succumb remains a mystery. The Ditzlers believe in addictive personalities who have an overwhelming need for instant gratification; and that there may also be a genetic predisposition. They have observed that 50 per cent of cases have an alcoholic parent or grandparent. Two types of people seem particularly vulnerable: rebellious experimenters, and shy introverts who "need to belong".

One of the symptoms of the illness is that the sufferer denies its existence. This is where the concept of "tough love" comes in. "It means you stop trying to rescue the alcoholic and start letting him or her suffer," says Joyce. "Alcoholics stop only when going on drinking is even more painful, when the consequences get too much to bear."

An ultimatum has to be issued – *no money, no marriage, no job* – and there has to be a commitment to carry out the threat: "You can say what you mean and mean what you say and it works. Alcoholism is a disease where sympathy and protective kindness can kill."

The aim is to provoke a crisis, since it is thought that the drinker *must reach rock-bottom* before beginning to climb back.

At Farm Place, treatment is based on "reality therapy": getting the patient to stop making excuses and start taking responsibility; a commitment to join Alcoholics Anonymous is a pre-condition of acceptance at the clinic.

The initial "drying out", perhaps with medication, is combined with group therapy, self-analysis and one-to-one counselling. New patients are allotted a share of house chores on the lines of the famous Betty Ford clinic in the United States. "The idea is that people take pride in doing something well. For all their achievements, alcoholics have minimal self-esteem. We had one consultant physician whom the cook found in tears because he couldn't peel a carrot."

The clinic has 27 patients; one third are drug addicts, two-thirds are alcoholics. Anyone found with drink or drugs has 20 minutes to get out. There is a "no fraternizing" rule, because of the emotional vulnerability during the early stages of recovery.

The surroundings are idyllic – 12-acre grounds with swimming pool, croquet lawn and ducks waddling across the path. The 17th-century house is furnished with the grace and comfort of a traditional country house – a conscious attempt by the Ditzlers to avoid an institutional feel.

They claim high success rates. Their follow-up studies so far showed 50 per cent were still sober after five years – and with an improved quality of life. A further 25 per cent had lapsed, but had returned to abstinence and recovery. The remainder had either needed retreatment or had died.

The rates are impressive, but the price is high. Farm Place costs £120 a day and most patients need to stay for four to eight weeks. Some pay for themselves, others have private medical insurance or their company foots the bill. Where they can, the Ditzlers treat a few people free. They say it is still cheaper than boozing – an alcoholic spends an estimated £3,000 a year on drink – and cheaper per patient than anything the NHS has to offer.

They enjoy a drink themselves in their cottage adjoining Farm Place: "Obviously we don't waft it under patients' noses, but drinking is a part of society and you can't change society to suit the alcoholic. One of our essential aims is to get rid of that idea that you can't have fun without having a drink. For the alcoholic, the idea of fun has long gone, anyway."

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Coming Off Drink *by James and Joyce Ditzler is published today (Papermac, £6.95).*

ALCOHOL DEPENDENCE: THE DANGERS

"Alcohol misuse is a social problem with medical complications," says the Royal College of Physician's report on alcohol. It sums up standard medical opinions and is very different from the scientifically unproven disease theory. There are more male heavy drinkers than female, but women living solitary lives may be more adept at hiding their drinking.

The recommendations for safe drinking are no more than 21 units per week for men and 14 for women (a unit is half a pint of beer, a glass of wine or a pub tot of spirits). There is some degree of hazard for men who drink between 21 and 49 units per week, and for women who take between 14 and 35. Intakes higher than this are considered dangerous. Excessive drinking is particularly damaging to the liver, brain, nervous system, heart and the guts and is related to cancer of the gullet, the liver, and the breasts. Both the male and female external genitalia shrivel as a result of heavy drinking.

There is little statistical evidence that long term in-patient treatment is of any more benefit than short term treatment followed by out-patient care. The warning signs of alcohol dependence are a need for alcohol early in the day, early morning waking, pre-occupation with alcohol, fast drinking, secret drinking, memory loss and black-outs, increased irritability, family rows and social isolation. *T S*

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Waterbed warning

Waterbeds are thought of as being ostentatious, slightly risqué, dangerous to the joists and, if they leak, disastrous. But they had not been regarded as a health hazard until a recent report in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* linked them to heartburn (reflux oesophagitis).

The lining of the lower end of the oesophagus, the gullet, is unable to withstand stomach acid without becoming inflamed and painful so that any circumstances which encourage the flow of the stomach contents into the oesophagus can cause oesophagitis.

A research team from the University of Rochester, New York, *found the position* adopted while sleeping on a waterbed was associated with heartburn. Of a group of 50 sufferers of oesophageal reflux, *nine had* waterbeds; only two of a control group without oesophagitis slept on non-traditional beds.

Whatever the cause of oesophageal reflux, the springing of the bed and its angle are important aspects of treatment. A change from a very soft mattress to a firmer one can be helpful. Sufferers are also advised to tilt the bed by putting bricks beneath the head end.

Sweeter pill

Femodene, a recently introduced contraceptive pill, is *the first to contain a highly selective progesteron*, gestodene.

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Feeding facts



However keen doctors and health visitors may be on breast-feeding, mothers do not always share their enthusiasm. *In a* survey at their Birmingham practice, reported in *Maternal and Child Health*, Dr Margaret Hooper and Dr Debra Newell have analysed how mothers approached breast-feeding and why they decided to give it up.

Of the mothers, 20 per cent opted, for a variety of reasons, for the bottle and another 30 per cent had given up feeding by the sixth week. The latter group, classified as failed breast-feeders, told the doctors that they would have liked to continue. Half of them had started their babies on the bottle because they were told, possibly inaccurately, that their natural milk supply was inadequate; 20 *per cent because of cracked* nipples and 13 per cent because of tiredness.

The Association of Breast-feeding Mothers provides counselling to mothers who are finding problems, but never tries to force breast-feeding on a reluctant mother, feeling that all *women have a right* to choose. The association can be contacted by ringing 01-778 4769.

Doctors check?

MP Nicholas Winterton has called for all doctors to be regularly and routinely checked for the Aids virus and the statistics to be made public.

His call has been inspired by figures from the United States, where in some districts one in 20 health workers are now known to be HIV positive.

The often repeated and reassuring comment that Aids is still virtually unknown among health workers, fails to take into account the long time-lag between infection and the development of the disease.

The magazine *Hospital Doctor* quotes a case discussed at the Aids conference in Atlanta, Georgia, of one engineer who moved from Rwanda to Brussels, where he was in the habit of having between 20 and 30 female partners a year.

His doctor managed to contact 19 of them, of whom 10 were HIV positive. Three of these had had sexual intercourse with the engineer on only one occasion. The *conference heard that it* seems the virus is more easily spread from men to women than vice versa.

Dr Thomas Stuttaford

Predictions for success

There is new hope for infertile couples who rely on *in vitro* fertilization. Research will help to identify which of a woman's eggs is the most suitable for treatment

According to last month's report by the Voluntary Licensing Authority for Human IVF, sponsored by the Medical Research Council and the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, artificial insemination "offers the only hope of children of their own" for some 275,000 infertile couples between the ages of 24 and 35 in the United Kingdom.

The surgery to remove eggs and fertilize them outside the body is comparatively simple, but little progress has been made in raising the success rate of *in vitro* fertilization (IVF) because doctors still don't have a precise method of choosing the most suitable egg for treatment.

Although some clinics report one test-tube baby from every three fertilizations (the same ratio as that for normal intercourse), in 1985 – the last year for which figures are available – the national average pregnancy rate after IVF was a disappointing 9:1 "per treatment cycle" and, because of spontaneous abortions, the odds against live births increased to 12:1. They could soon be improved, however, as a result of intensive research carried out in Israel.

A woman who cannot become pregnant naturally and opts for IVF presents doctors with a variety of problems. One is their duty to strike a balance between ensuring that she has the best chance of conceiving and minimizing the risk associated with a *multiple pregnancy* – miscarriages or premature births. As the VLA states that no more than three (or in exceptional cases, four) ova should be transferred in any one cycle, and because it is clearly in the woman's interest to have as few transplant sessions as possible, it would be ideal if all selected eggs were suitable for IVF. Unfortunately, ova for possible transplants are often extracted before they have fully matured.

Scientists are working on tests for use by transplant clinics

However, Professor Alex Tsafriri, of the Hormone Research Department of the Weizmann Institute of Sciences, a world authority on the bio-chemical processes occurring during the maturation and release of ova, believes he has identified two simple biochemical tests to predict which of the 10 or so eggs obtained from a woman are likely to lead to a normal pregnancy. Together with Dr Neri Laufer of the Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem he studied 57 women who had undergone ova transplants. He found that viable pregnancies evolved from eggs whose follicular fluid, in which the ovum is suspended, had smaller amounts of the enzyme collagenase (which tends to weaken the follicle wall and allows the egg to leave the ovary) and of a specific blood serum protein (alpha2 macroglobulin) than those used in transplants that did not lead to successful pregnancies.

The two resulting tests could become the standard method for choosing the best possible embryo for transfer and increase the success of IVF. The scientists are also working on a "convenient and reproducible" version of these tests for possible use by transplant clinics.

With proper scientific caution, Professor Tsafriri warns that 57 cases do not provide an adequate statistical basis to be certain that the results of his initial studies will be confirmed by further research. The results of IVF depend on many other factors apart from the suitability of the egg: how well ova and embryos are handled, the hormonal state of the mother-to-be and whether the uterus is prepared to accept the implant. This research could help to shorten the IVF waiting list in Britain, where currently women have to queue for two and a half years or more under the NHS.

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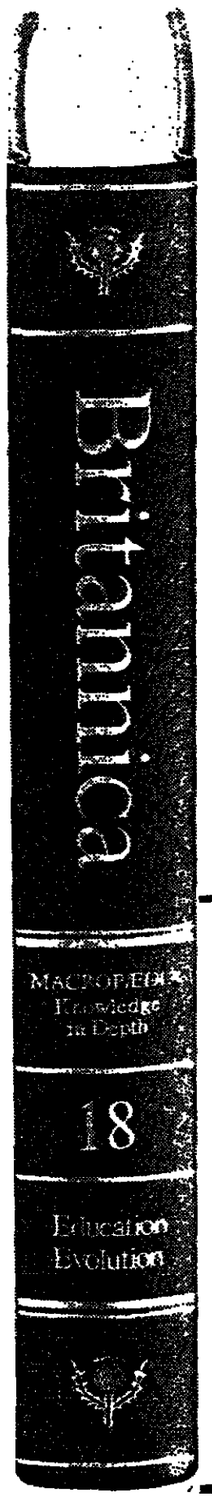
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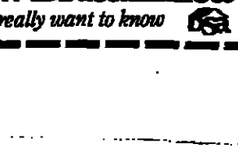
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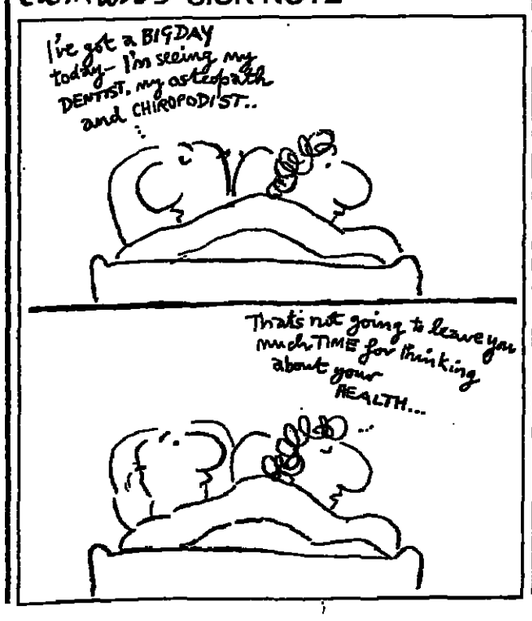
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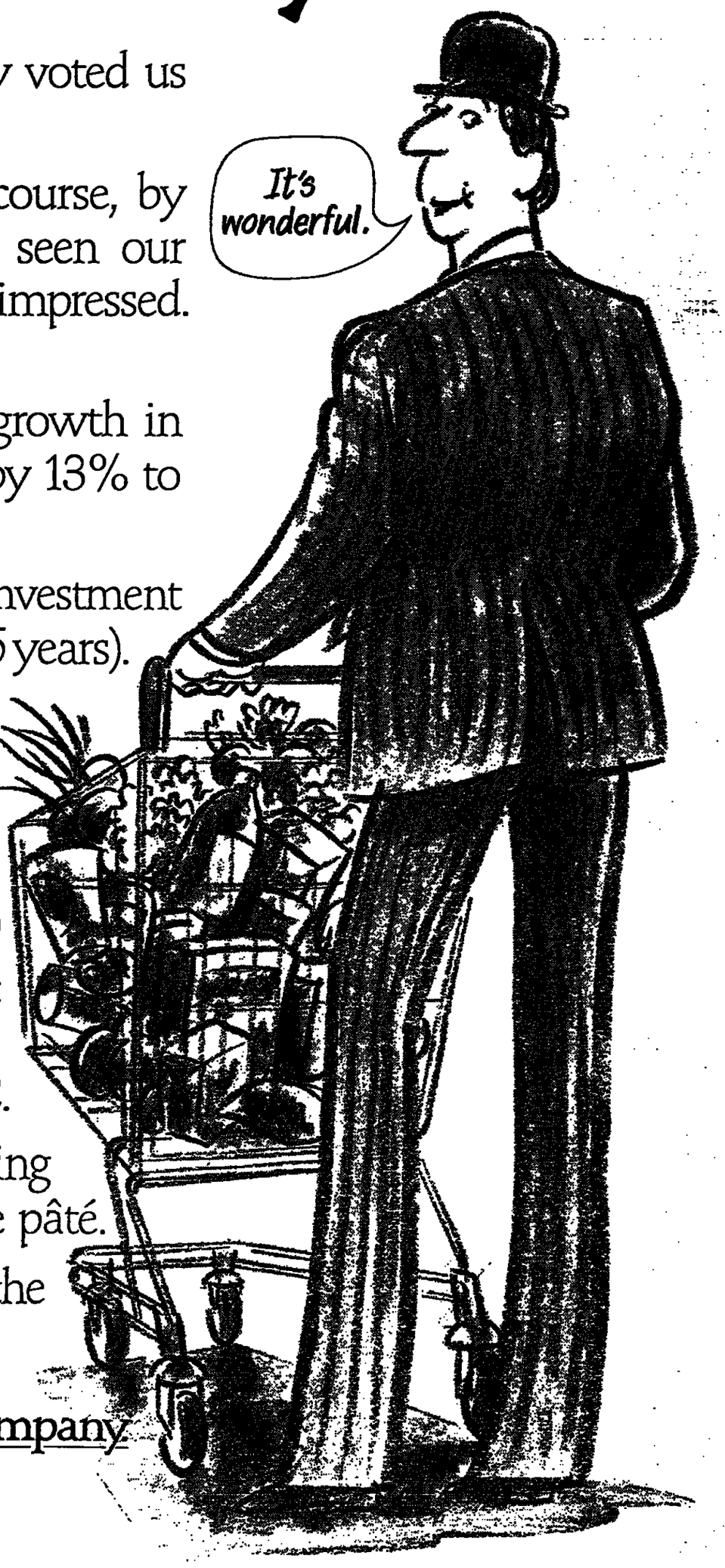
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BOOKS

The li(v)es of Miss Mitty

Peter Ackroyd reviews the life of the writer, parlour red, self-dramatist so various that she seemed to be not one but all womankind's epitome



LILLIAN HELLMAN
The Image, The Woman
By William Wright
Sidgwick & Jackson, £15.00

In one of the most damning sentences in this inadvertently damning biography, William Wright informs those who wish to know more about Lillian Hellman that "chimpanzees come to be leaders of their colony by noisy, angry, and unprovoked displays." Certainly Lillian Hellman was often ferocious; she swung from tree to tree in New York and Hollywood, being in turn script-writer, dramatist, and political agitator, until in her last incarnation as a literary icon she became truly queen of the jungle. But humans, unlike chimpanzees, can lie; on one level this book is an account of a life based upon meanness and deceit.

As a child and young woman Lillian Hellman was the quintessential high-school drop-out; she was spirited and unruly, but she was also smart. She bore a striking physical resemblance to Jimmy Durante, although the similarity ends there. She was never so funny, at least not in public; nevertheless she looked "interesting", she might have become one of those restless and talented middle-class women to whom nothing seems destined to happen – until, that is, she met Dashiell Hammett. The detective writer became her unlikely Pygmalion; and in the 30s, during a boozy period of burnt-out nights and wasted days, he recreated her. He even presented her with the idea for her first play, *The Children's Hour*; and it was during this period she emerged in what was then a most unusual role – the successful female playwright.

Hammett in fact became her literary and political mentor, emphasizing one of the paradoxes of Hellman's life. She was apparently independent and self-assertive, but she actually always needed guidance and support. If she was an explosion (as many people who felt the brunt of her ferocious temper could aver) she was a controlled one, just as the social indictments of her dramas were always presented within the socially acceptable three acts. Even her radicalism was of the well-upholstered kind. She talked poor but dressed rich, and excoriated the capitalist system while living off its benefits.

Of this radicalism perhaps the less said the better: she remained pro-Stalinist long after even the most rabid American Communists had seen into the heart of that particular darkness. Bad writers often embrace political extremism, of course; and yet such sentiments sprang from the lips of a woman who was earning $2,500 a week during the Depression, a woman who "always loved expensive clothes", and was notoriously rude to shop assistants in the process of finding them.

Her biographer suggests that her politics were "more visceral than intellectual", which is a polite way of saying that they did not make a great deal of sense; and it seems possible that her rage against political authority sprang from some suppressed rage against her father (apparently she had discovered early in life that he was a philanderer); it is as if America were some vast family in which she remained the thwarted child.

Indeed her craven attitude towards Stalinism suggests that nothing short of a lobotomy could have cured her of her political affiliations; but the fact that in various volumes of memoirs she seems to have reinvented most of her life might lead one to believe that in any case she had only a precarious hold upon reality. She was seen to be a rebarbative, hard-nosed, hard-drinking literary figure; but underneath this monstrous facade it is clear that she was rather a mess. In the plastic Magimix of her consciousness all manner of stray ingredients – Russia, Money, Ambition, Fame, Stalin – were revolving in no coherent order and in no discernible direction. Her behaviour, her beliefs, and her instincts, never seem quite real.

Her own account of her political activities, in *Scoundrel Time*, has in recent years been scrutinized rather more thoroughly than the original slobberings of radical chic once allowed. In fact all of her autobiographical works have been anatomized, with the startling but apparently inescapable conclusion that Lillian Hellman invented a quite new form: works which purport to be autobiography but which are almost entirely fictional. Her real name could have been Miss Walter Mitty. The most famous case is that of Julia, the underground anti-fascist agent whom Lillian Hellman claims to have known all her life, adored, and even assisted in her clandestine activities in the late 30s. It turns out that she had never met the real Julia at all.

Yet in "Julia" itself (a section of *Pentimento*) she might unconsciously have offered an explanation for her peculiar memory when she makes a stray remark about "the need of dream". Although her lies hurt certain people and bemused others, it may be, as Wright suggests, that she was in fact slightly mad – or, as he puts it, "fundamentally delusional". She did not really lie because she did not properly understand the difference between reality and fantasy.

Yet perhaps it is wrong to condemn a dramatist for self-dramatization: it shows an excessively puritanical spirit. In fact her most interesting, let alone coherent, inventions occur in her autobiographical writings. As a "straight" dramatist, she belonged to that school of melodramatic realism in which emotional contrivance and emotional revelation so vie for mastery that it becomes impossible to distinguish between them. As a liar, she was possessed of real genius.

Of course this also means that she is one of those writers whose lives are more interesting than anything they actually wrote; and, as a result, this biography cannot help but be a success. Perhaps in deference to all the evidence that the woman was an unmitigated pain, it is also a model of brevity: William Wright has a talent for epigrammatic clarity, and he pays homage to his subject by never becoming boring. She was "unique", but once was enough.

The great English Flower Show

Ruth Stungo

LEAVES FROM THE GARDEN
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John Murray, £14.95

Is it, perhaps, the common feature of never being quite satisfied with the fruits of their labours that makes gardeners so receptive to practical advice? Certainly they appear to share the common assumption that technique is all-important, seeming to believe that, if they learn the tricks of the trade, fickle Dame Nature can be made to smile, and previous years' disasters be banished for all time. Evidence perhaps supporting John Ruskin's suggestion, quoted in one of the pieces in this anthology, that it is only people with minds of the second order who concern themselves with flowers?

The collection of garden writings brought together by Clare Best and Caroline Boisset in *Leaves from the Garden* spans almost two centuries, a period that saw the growth of that particularly British feature the flower garden. Whether the historical roots of its development date back, as claimed, to the ideas of Humphry Repton, or whether its origins can be understood only by looking more deeply into the writings of the past is something the reader will judge for himself. Shakespeare had quite a lot to say on the subject.

Considerable claims are made for this book by its editors. It is a "source book of garden history", a "necessary companion and guide", an inspiration, and the "only means for today's gardeners to benefit from the collective wisdom of the past". The strong editorial hand essential to success in such an undertaking is not altogether evident, leaving one with a doubt as to what precisely it is trying to be. Above all, a clear indication of the editors' judgement on both content and quality of the writing is sorely lacking. It seems a pity to devote space to so many present day authors, however good, whose works, after all, are reasonably accessible. And not all the giants of the past have stood the test of time. Taking the editors' word that they have selected the best of the authors they choose only confirms that the number of people who can write well about gardening is, and always has been, woefully small.

It is wonderfully refreshing to read about gardening on the grand scale, when a flower border was 200 feet long, and a garden wall, 12 feet high and two feet thick, was built to endure. In contrast it is curious to note evidence of an underlying uncertainty of purpose, which is indicated by the strongly authoritarian writings of the last century. Victorian optimism and confidence do not seem to have extended to knowing what to plant in the garden; the "may" or "should be planted" of J.C. Loudon have an odd ring to them today.

I have a growing suspicion that the people who write best about gardening are not usually the professionals. Preferring inspiration to instruction, I find that women often do it particularly well. Jane Loudon, almost like Jane Austen at times, is much better than her husband. Is there any significance in the fact that gardening is a subject about which almost no one has managed to be funny?

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Dirge for a Lost Leader?

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TYCOON
The Life of James Goldsmith
By Geoffrey Wansell
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It is his own lack of hypocrisy rather than his long-running battle with *Private Eye* that has barred Jimmy Goldsmith from the political career in Britain that once tempted him. A jet-set nomad, who quite openly maintains both wife and mistresses, with separate families in London and in Paris, could never have hoped for advancement. British prime ministers are far too afraid of the gossip columns.

Perhaps the blight on that political career is just as well. Goldsmith tops the subscription list to conspiracy theories. His political opinions have a reds-under-the-bed crudity surprising in such a sophisticated financial operator. But to many who have worked with him it is a pity.

Goldsmith is one of those rare beings who put a crackle in the air when you are in the room with him. He has boundless energy, a relish for ideas whether he agrees with them or not, and a compelling directness. It would have been an interesting test of how far charisma can take you today. Instead he has concentrated on joining the mega-rich, turning his back on Britain just when Mrs Thatcher has made it a country fit for men like him to expand in.

Geoffrey Wansell's friendly and occasionally breathless biography charts Goldsmith's progress from playboy gambler to super tycoon. Jimmy Goldsmith remains an intriguing outsider, at one moment cheerfully flouting convention, at the next hypersensitive to criticism. It does not help his image that he takes little interest in running the companies he buys and sells. But he is more than an astute gambler; and some unravelling here of the structure and complexities of his financial empire would have been welcome. Britain, to Goldsmith, seems an ungrateful, stuffy place which did not sufficiently value his contributions. He has retreated to a more welcoming environment.

Myth of Jung's Pied Piper

FICTION

Andrew Sinclair

THE SPELL
By Hermann Broch
André Deutsch, £11.95
LORD HAMLET'S CASTLE
By Hunter Steele
André Deutsch, £9.95
WORK AND PLAY
By Carlo Gébler
Hamish Hamilton, £9.95
HERSELF IN LOVE
By Marianne Wiggins
Collins, £9.95

The phenomenon of Hitler's influence on the mass psychology of the Germans disturbed Hermann Broch. In his last novel, *The Spell*, he tried to explain how Marius, a folkwise charlatan, dominates the minds of primitive mountain villagers. Even the narrator, a country doctor, falls under the spell of Marius. Using the Teutonic mythology of the Nibelungs, Marius persuades the villagers to dig for gold in the mountain. He finds a suitable scapegoat, a virgin is sacrificed, the Pit of the Dwarfs crushes a miner as the earth moves. Yet Marius still entrances the villagers, although the birth of a child gives the country doctor the hope of a pious future, when Marius's ranting may be no longer heard.

This mythological plot reflected Broch's concern about the 1930s, when the decline of religion was replaced by the feverish worship of nature, hygiene, sport, and efficiency. This bastard worship in Germany concentrated on the harangues of Hitler from his balcony; for the Chancellor of the Third Reich knew how to appeal to the Jungian longings of the folk and the masses in their yearning for the values of a lost past. *The Spell* is too larded with myth to be credible, but as a parable about how a Pied Piper Führer can seduce a whole village or nation, it deserves a profound reading.

From the bardic to the risible. Recently, some of Shakespeare's plays have been turned into comic strips. "Zap!" went Romeo, assaulting various Capulets. In *Lord Hamlet's Castle*, "Zipp! Splat!" goes Hamlet's dagger, as he kills a rat in Elsinore. Hunter Steele has rewritten Shakespeare's major tragedy as a comic strip novel, spiced with nursery psychology and pubescent pornography.

Tom Stoppard showed in *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead* how brilliantly *Hamlet* may be used to comment on the nature of luck and destiny, great events and minor consequences in Shakespeare's plays. But Hunter Steele only achieves a measure of humorous bathos not revealed since the poems of the immortal McGonagall.

The hero of *Work and Play*, Fergus Maguire, cannot associate himself with either activity. His work is answering viewers' letters to a television company. His play is not entertaining: it consists of sniffing cocaine through Irish twenty-pound notes, eating packets of dope with Camembert to destroy the evidence, and making love to an aimless Jennifer, a cut above him on the social register. The Singh family who live beneath him in Kentish Town are menaced by neo-fascists and finally burned to death. He escapes to continue his drifting with a vague dream of Jennifer beneath a clear blue sky.

Emotional disassociation is the mark of Carlo Gébler's work, and it is his indictment of his contemporaries, surviving without commitment in modern London. Fergus's attachment is to Ireland, where his father has died and excluded him from his will. Fergus cannot recover from his parent's rejection. It is the excuse for his lack of feeling. The problem of this latterday Meursault is that his lack of care for other characters makes the reader also care too little. Yet Gébler writes with such honesty and brilliant powers of observation that he makes his philosophy persuasive. Lack of conviction is a conviction in itself.

The different voices telling the 13 stories in *Herself in Love* are a random descant on human passions and imaginations. They sing through the past and through dialect. Dolores goes out riding up front with Carl and Marl and tries to rescue a stranded lady photographer from Cambridge. Stonewall Jackson's wife has his baby: she thinks all bats are former slaves. Deferred lovers meet in London after 20 years: the woman wants to rant to the bald-headed cliché of the man, "We're history's brats."

Marianne Wiggins has the gift of the disconcerting and the revealing. The unexpected is her everyday language. Her characters astonish and amuse. In her title story, "Herself in Love", she asks great questions, then provides an answer. For women, is love theft or treason or perjury or crime? A housewife meets a handyman, they cannot resist one another. So love is a revelation, like a religion. In its odd encounter, its strange way, it is just that.

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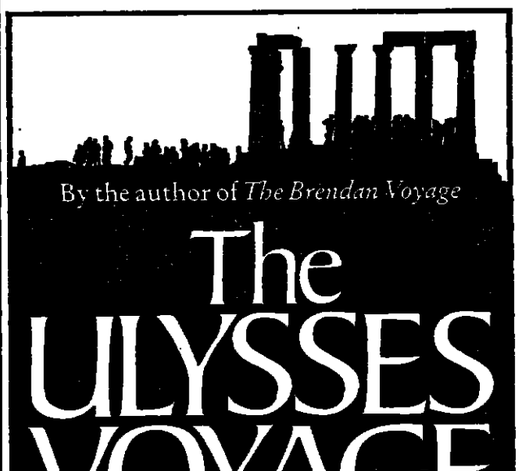
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Splott on the ermine?

The Welsh valleys are alive with speculation about the title James Callaghan will choose upon his expected elevation to the Upper House. It is rumoured that he has plumped for Lord Callaghan of Splott. This is not intended to be a Tom Sharpe joke. Splott is a suburb in his Cardiff constituency and, I am assured, considered very beautiful by its natives and the name appeals to members of Callaghan's personal staff. Some, I understand, are already working on a coat of arms that would do Splott justice and have decided it should bear the legend: "Life Would Not be the Same without Hazard". This, admittedly, is no time-honoured Welsh saw; it alludes to the former Prime Minister's chauffeur of 14 years, Joe Hazard, like his boss a former navy man. Television fans will be disappointed to hear there are no plans to give Joe a dukedom.

Shadow kabinet

Back on the subject of Central Office's unsightly Portakabin, two members of David Steel's election staff were spotted inside the monstrosity, engaged in what one of them, Andrew Gifford, tells me was "normal intelligence work". They beat a hasty retreat after being recognized as they leafed through the Tory literature, but not before they had scooped up a handful of photographs of Norman Tebbit. Gifford tells me one of the pictures now adorns his leader's office wall (next to a picture of the original Phantom of the Opera, Lon Chaney Snr) and wits have already added a moustache. He would not confirm whether the others were destined for Liberal dart boards around the country.

Hart-felt

Neil Kinnock should perhaps have thought a little harder about what he was saying at the Labour manifesto launch on Tuesday. He told his audience that "what you see is what you get". The last politician of renown who used the expression was Gary Hart, when he announced earlier this year he was running for the Democratic presidential nomination.

● **Never one to miss an opportunity, designer Katherine Hamnett is to launch a new T-shirt. The message on it is Tactical Voting. It's snappier, at least, than "58 per cent don't want Pershings".**

Before Hockney

After David Hockney's appointment as Slade Professor of Fine Art at Cambridge University for 1990-91, the art world is still waiting to hear who is to hold the prestigous post in the two academic years before him. The board of academics and gallery bigwigs who annually elect the professor were so keen to have him that they gave him the choice of three years in which to deliver his 12 lectures. University administrator Alan Soutter assures me that Hockney's putative predecessors need not feel snubbed. "We gave him the choice because he's so busy and it's difficult to pin him down. It's not a case that we don't want the others."

BARRY FANTONI



'Verily, they fell off the back of a lorry'

Taxi!

Is that ambulance journey really necessary? A week-long survey carried out by Gwynedd Health Authority in North Wales has revealed that of 646 sitting patients taken to hospital by ambulance, 456 were fit enough to have found their own way. Peter Rees, the authority's general administrator, tells me that one ambulance crew arrived at a house to discover a note saying "Gone to play bowls". Another officer was greeted with the message: "Gone to Cyprus for the winter".

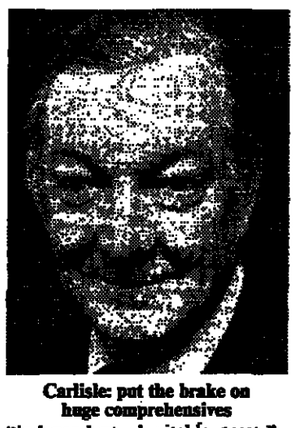
Not kidding

Poor Neil. As fast as he tries to please the female voters, and Glenys, by not calling women "love", he falls into another trap. During a sticky interview yesterday morning with a Radio City journalist in Liverpool, whose final question was: "Is my father going to win Amber Valley?" he started his reply with: "Oh, kid." The question was posed by Susan Bookbinder, whose parent, David, is fighting for Labour the Derbyshire seat held by Phillip Oppenheim. (The rest of the answer was: "Everybody's daughter is coming out of the blue.") Personally I prefer, "Oh, chuck".

PHS

Schools: the reality of Tory 'choice'

by Anne Sofer



Carlisle: put the brake on huge comprehensives



Baker: his new proposals will take it off

The Conservatives have promised parents a mix of giant comprehensives, semi-independent grammar schools and a large rump of underfunded struggling secondary modern schools. Some parents will have a choice; others won't.

It is a not unfamiliar picture. In fact it is very much what the education system looked like when my children first entered it 20 years ago. This was the system that produced a chronically high adult illiteracy level and examination results well below the achievements we are dissatisfied with today. My own contact with it motivated me to spend most of the intervening years trying to change it. Those who hanker after those bad old days are, of course, perfectly entitled to campaign for their return — but why anybody should call such a policy "radical" beats me.

The scenario I have painted is not as described in the Conservative manifesto, but it can perfectly legitimately be inferred from its proposals. The large comprehensives will be recreated by the pledge to do away with "planned admission limits". These were, interestingly, introduced by Mark Carlisle when Education Secretary in 1980, largely as a result of pressure from local education authorities who wanted to be able to use falling rolls to reduce the size of schools.

Many people, of all political persuasions, had by then come to doubt the wisdom of running comprehensive schools for 1,500 or 2,000 pupils. Indeed, it is a sentiment I hear frequently echoed today, most recently and notably by Mrs Thatcher in a newspaper interview.

"Planned admission limits" have been effective in reducing the size of comprehensive schools. To take an example in the part of London where I live, all the comprehensive schools with well over 1,200 pupils 10 years ago are now down to below 1,000. The "comprehensive factories" have become a thing of the past. The Conservatives propose to bring them back.

The grammar schools will be recreated (or retained) as a result of the new ability of schools to "opt out" of local authority control. The manifesto assiduously avoids saying whether or not opting-out schools will be given the right to select their pupils, but it is widely assumed that, as "independent charitable trusts", they will.

The secondary moderns will be the schools for all the children who cannot get into the grammar schools or the popular comprehensives. They may not be called secondary moderns (it will probably still say "comprehensive" on the notice board outside), but in terms of their intake and likely academic scope, that is what they will be. They will probably be small: not planned as such, but shrinking year by year as rolls fall and the luckier, better motivated children go elsewhere. They will be underfunded because the "per capita" basis of funding proposed by the Conservatives will make no allowance for the difficulties of running a full curriculum and heating and lighting a school intended for more than 1,000 when its numbers have fallen below 500.

I know that at this stage the "market forces" brigade will interrupt to say impatiently, "Well, for heavens' sake, just close those schools!" But that will almost certainly be more difficult than it sounds; first, because it takes quite a few years for the numbers to dwindle to nothing — during which time children are still there and there is nowhere else for them to go (all the popular schools having recruited up to their maximum capacity). And secondly, the politics of the matter are always against closure. Almost *any* school, however under-subscribed, can mount a formidable campaign for its own survival. And anyway, aren't the Tories themselves now against closing small schools?

In fact Kenneth Baker's latest proposals will effectively let the local education authorities off the uncomfortable hook of making any forward plans. It will be almost impossible for them to do so, since any school that does not like a local education authority proposal will be able to "opt out": a very good reason for making no proposal at all. The Audit Commission, Education Department officials and Her Majesty's Inspectors may very well continue to urge *rational* planning to cope with falling rolls, but nothing will happen.

The promise to "save" school sixth forms will also make it more difficult for local education authorities to put forward any new proposals for tertiary or sixth-form colleges. This is indeed sad, since these institutions are probably the only genuinely "radical" development of the last decade, and the only part of the state sector actually recruiting heavily back from the independent schools. So we are likely to see a continuation of the current uneconomic small A level teaching groups in the 11-18 comprehensive schools — scarce maths and science teaching resources squandered on classes of four and five.

From beginning to end, the Conservative message on choice is a false prospectus. It assumes that parents' choices cannot conflict with each other, when in the real world they often do. It is, for instance, a common phenomenon for parents to prefer a single-sex school for their daughters and a co-educational school for their sons. When this happens on a large scale (as it sometimes does) it is not possible to satisfy both preferences: the co-educational school effectively becomes a boys' school. In the same way a grammar school and a comprehensive drawing from the same area cannot co-exist: the comprehensive will become a secondary modern. School sixth forms and a sixth-form college catering for the same catchment area are similarly incompatible. And we cannot have both smaller comprehensive schools and an abolition of planned admission limits. The coexistence of all these alternatives is a chimera.

Mrs Thatcher used to be keen on the language of "taking the hard decisions" and "making people face up to difficult choices". On education policy, the taste for honesty and toughness seems to have deserted her. And, what is sadder, the capacity to see through the deception seems to have deserted most of the press.

By all means let us have as much choice as possible for parents. But let it be an equal right of choice to all parents, combined with an acknowledgement that one parent's choice may in the event constrain another's.

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Ralph Harris and Arthur Seldon take issue with the view that people will happily pay higher taxes in return for better public services

The vanishing volunteers

The Archbishop of Canterbury told the House of Lords earlier this year that "people would be prepared to pay more taxes and forgo tax cuts in order to help divert resources to the poor". Conventional opinion polls have also shown increasing majorities in favour of higher spending on health and education. But just how ready are people in 1987 to pay for more welfare services through higher taxes?

Gallup recently asked for views on the statement that "government services such as health, education and welfare should be extended, even if it means some increase in taxes". But what does "extended" mean? And how much is "some increase", and in whose taxes? Likewise, Marplan has asked people whether they agreed that "it is better to pay higher taxes and have better public services than lower taxes but worse services".

Perhaps it is surprising that only around 70 per cent agreed to such a vague but superficially moral assertion. When such questions are put to people in the street or over the telephone, we can forgive them not pausing to ask the meaning of "higher/lower taxes" and "better/worse services". No market economist or commercial market researcher, however, would be satisfied by a shopper's declared willingness to spend more on better groceries without seeking answers to the consequential questions of how much more, and how much better, *and at what price*.

Are respondents volunteering to pay higher taxes, or are they saying that higher taxes are a good idea so long as they are paid by other people? If the former, the replies are significant. If the latter, they are ambiguous (and possibly mischievous). Marplan belatedly attempted to illuminate this distinction between individual "preference" and generalized "opinion" by asking respondents to distinguish in their answers respectively between "you and your family" and "the country as a whole". The effect was to introduce more realism: when the sample understood that each individual would have to pay more, opinion moved in favour of tax cuts and away from government spending.

What is required, and what opinion polls have generally lacked, is the realization of sacrifice — of income and family — when respondents are asked if they would personally pay higher taxes. Indeed, Marplan found that 59 per cent would vote in an election according to family interest, three times the 19 per cent who said they would vote according to "the country as a whole".

At the Institute of Economics Affairs we have tried to do this. We wanted to discover how far people would demand more or better welfare services than the state now supplies and whether they would prefer the additional resources to be provided by cutting down on other public spending or by paying directly as customers, or by inviting government to levy higher taxes. Since 1963 we have commissioned a number of surveys from England, Grosse Associates, a market research organization with roots in Mass Observation. Instead of putting questions to a sample of around 1,000 people who are often stopped in the street or canvassed by telephone and may return a snap answer to simple-seeming questions, they interview twice as many people, at length and in their own homes.



During March and April our national sample of more than 2,000 people aged between 16 and 65 were asked whether more should be spent on any of seven public services (defence, education, health, roads, housing, pensions and unemployment benefits), first assuming that this meant spending less on the others. The 82 per cent who answered "yes" were then asked how much more and on which services. Health and education came top with, respectively, 39 per cent and 37 per cent favouring more spending. When asked from which of the other services offsetting reductions should be made, defence was cited by 30 per cent, with 60 per cent or 70 per cent unable or unwilling to answer.

Then the interviewers posed the key questions. First came the ranging shot: "You said that more should be spent on education (later health). As we have suggested, one way of making this possible is to spend less on other things. But we could also collect more from taxpayers. Would you personally be prepared to pay more in taxes so that more money could be spent on education (later NHS)?" And to those answering positively: "For every £1 you pay in tax, how much more would you be prepared to pay?" It is from the answers given to this cumulative series of questions that we have constructed the table below.

Of the 33 per cent wanting more spent on health, 55 per cent said they were personally prepared to pay more in taxes, making about 18 per cent of the total sample.

This small surviving band of volunteer taxpayers were then asked how much more they were prepared to pay. They were invited to reply in 5p steps up to 100p more in the £1 of their present taxation, but a few were more modest (honest?) in offering only from 1p to 4p. In summary, the replies indicated that 95 per cent would be prepared to pay 5p or more, falling to 59 per cent who would pay 10p, 28 per cent paying 20p, and as few as 17 per cent would pay 30p or more.

It is not obvious how best to convert such replies into even a rough guide to the possible size of increased revenue from additional taxes. If we assume that respondents interpreted the question as meaning how much more income tax they would pay, then 10p in the £1 is equal to an additional one-tenth, or less than 3p on the standard rate. On the same basis, 20p in the £1 would imply a little over 5p on the standard rate and 30p would be about 9p.

Our survey demonstrates that, even for so "popular" a cause as spending more on health, an increase of 3p in the standard rate would be coercing 90 per cent of our total sample at the behest of 10 per cent who say they are prepared to pay more tax.

We have thus found that the general impression of widespread readiness, or even anxiety, to pay higher taxes for state welfare is highly suspect and without substantial foundation. Our surveys have also revealed that there is a large latent desire for a choice of school and health care backed by private spending. State education and the National Health Service have suppressed the preferences of significant majorities of citizens in all parties and all classes.

For example, after cross-examination of alternative ways of financing improved services, the half of the sample with children under 19 were asked if they would accept a cash refund from the government towards the cost of private school fees. Of these 28 per cent would accept what is in effect a voucher for one third of the cost of secondary schooling; 45 per cent would accept two-thirds and 68 per cent the full-cost voucher.

Analysis by political sympathy reveals that Alliance supporters are closer to Conservatives than to Labour, although more than half Labour supporters would accept the full-cost offer. Analysis by social class reveals no statistical difference in support for the full-cost voucher between upper and lower socio-economic groups. This suggests that there is a much stronger commitment to better education in lower social classes than is assumed by paternalists in all parties. It also suggests that many in higher classes are content with state schools in the middle-class areas where they live, without contemplating private schooling for their children.

Public services like national defence have to be supplied collectively by government and financed through compulsory taxation. Politicians, unfortunately, have extended their power over such personal services as education and medical care, most of which the competitive market can supply. The conscripted consumer-taxpayer will always want something different, whether less, more or better than the political process can provide.

Almost half a century after Beveridge, a new political consensus could be emerging based on a desire by people in all parties to deflate the state and assert individual and family choice in welfare.

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THE CRUNCH QUESTION

How many are prepared to pay more in tax for the NHS? (total sample 2,011)

Degrees of approval	Proportion
1 More should be spent on seven public services*	82%
2 More should be spent on health: 39% of 82%	33%
3 Willing to pay more tax: 55% of 33%	18%
4 Willing to pay extra 3p on standard: 59% of 17%	10%
extra 5p on standard rate: 28% of 17%	5%
extra 9p on standard rate: 17% of 17%	3%

* Defence, education, health, roads, housing, unemployment benefit, pensions. Health, housing and education topped the list, with 37-39% saying more should be spent; defence was bottom with 3%.

Ronald Butt

Manifestly different

There is one fundamental difference between the Conservative and the Labour manifestos which should point to the real nature of the choice before the nation. In its essentials, the Labour manifesto prescribes very general and sweeping actions designed to achieve certain social and economic ends. Money will be raised by heavy borrowing and by general taxation to be spent on creating more jobs and improving social services. But for this to be done without a return to inflation, there must be economic growth and wage restraint.

The characteristic features of Labour's programme are therefore those supposed to make non-inflationary growth possible in a context of high state spending and borrowing, and to achieve wage restraint by agreement. A network of institutions and boards is intended to produce plans, concerted action, approved funding arrangements and wage restraint. But how they will do it cannot be specified until they start work.

In contrast, the Conservatives offer a number of concrete actions which are not institution-building but are ends in themselves. One obvious example is the proposed further legislation to liberate individual trade unionists from subjection to unaccountable union bosses, by making it impossible for them to be called out on strike without a previous secret ballot, and obliging all governing bodies of unions to be elected by supervised postal ballots at least once every five years.

Another concrete action is the right to be given to state schools (whose budgets would in future be controlled by their own governing bodies instead of by the local education authority) to opt out of LEA control and receive instead a full direct grant from the central government. This could be criticized as too tentative since it would be left to schools and local parental feeling to decide. There is a strong case for the transfer of all educational funding to the state, leaving all spending and organizational responsibility to individual local school authorities.

But gradualness has the advantage of testing an idea rather than imposing it in blanket form. In the case of council housing, individuals will have the choice of staying tenants of the local authority or having the freehold of their house transferred to an approved housing association or building society at a price related to the future net return on the property. Groups of council tenants will be free to form housing cooperatives. All this is both concrete and experimental and, with increased privatization, the spread of share owning and lower taxation, it should bring a new society of responsible individuals in a society prosperous enough to fund its essential social services properly.

In contrast, both the Labour and the Alliance manifestos are startlingly backward looking. It is not exactly safe to take the Labour manifesto at its face value unless you really believe that the war waged by the left against the moderates, which brought Mr Kinnock to the top and drove out the social democrats, was all about nothing. Still, let us make that assumption, and accept the manifesto, from which the conventional vocabulary of socialism has been ruthlessly expunged, on its own terms.

What it offers is a return to the 1960s and '70s. A National Economic Summit (both sides of industry and the government) will "set the recovery programme in motion". It will produce a National Economic Assessment prescribing concerted action by government, employers and trade unions. There will be a state-owned Industrial Investment Bank, regional development agencies, a new Ministry of Science and a Ministry for Women, a body called British Enterprise for the state-owned elements in industry, and, of course, a return to nationalization.

All this is 1964 to 1970 revisited, with George Brown's national plan and all the rest of the bureaucracy of the Sixties revived under other terminology. The manifesto is, characteristically, an argument from the socialist general to the hoped-for particular, against the whole weight of recent experience.

Only one important element from 1964 is omitted: a prices and incomes policy, which the unions will never accept. For that we have to look to the Alliance, who are the true descendants of the Wilson intellectual dynasty. The Alliance programme, like Labour's, is an exercise in Keynesian reflation, with more social spending for job creation though on a more modest scale, and a bit of social engineering thrown in. It spares us Labour's institution building but recognizes that, with all this spending, inflation will be a problem. So alone of the three parties it offers a counter-inflationary tax on companies which pay wages over the odds. It is precisely the device used in the Ordinance of Labourers in 1349, when employers, vying with one another for scarce labour after the Black Death, were to be fined for paying more than the approved rates. It did not work — then, or two years later when a statute laid down wage rates for particular jobs, or during the Wilson and Callaghan governments. But the Alliance still thinks it worth trying again.

The Alliance manifesto is quite extraordinarily dull, apart from its proposed constitutional reforms, which are irrelevant to current needs and include the offer to take us back to the troubled waters of Scottish devolution and to subject the concrete certainty of British statute law to the generalized sloganeering of the European Convention on Human Rights.

Mr Kinnock claims that because the Conservatives reject much of the post-war dispensation they are backward looking to a time when there was too much indifference to both unemployment and welfare. But to reject a useless remedy in favour of a better one is not to give a blessing to the disease. If Labour really thinks that the kind of society to which the Conservatives are cautiously moving is really retrograde, is that the adjective he would like to apply, for example, to prosperous and socially conscious Federal Germany?

however . . . Paul Jennings

Random trains of thought

There is still nothing like arriving in London at one of the termini north of the Thames for sharpening that always-present feeling of contrast between the quiet communion of personal lives and the roaring alienation of the great city. We may have had only the mildest eye contact with the party opposite us all the way from Manchester or Norwich; but in the coat-struggling and bag-gathering silence during the almost inevitable wait outside the station we graduate to the raised eyebrow, the shrug, even the smile.

Speech rises almost to the surface. It might even burst from us involuntarily, in a remark that could range from, "Late, as usual!" to, "Pardon me, but I was fascinated by your apparent absorption in the article on incest in *Cosmopolitan* — you look far too wholesome a type for incest to me," or "Do you think it is possible to believe in the Devil but not in God?"

The wait itself is due to frantic commercial pressures, high-priced metropolitan land forcing the whole network into this four-track bottleneck before the station. It is all quite different from the easier, broad suburban approaches to Victoria or Waterloo.

Paddington, it is true, is north of the river, and therefore technically on the side of *real* London, with Westminster, Buckingham Palace, indeed the City (what, historically, was there on the other side, except maybe Southwark, with the Tabard and the Globe, and later, at a pinch perhaps, Greenwich?). But Paddington doesn't count. It too has the leafy-suburban approach over many tracks through what were quite recently Betjemanrural Middlesex fields round unbuttoned Ealing: it serves a soft west that knows nothing of hard northern industrial anxiety.

Here we are again. LONDON 3 MILES. Soon. Bethnal Green. Walk up during statutory wait through train from second-class to first-class front (why walk same distance later on platform, save a minute anyway?). What dismal industrial chaos we have come through, what must smart Germans, Dutch etc who got on at Harwich think of desolate sidings, broken-windowed, abandoned factories, canals to nowhere, triangular sites of "steel stockists"; shall I *tell* them that this isn't the *real* us now, we have booming silicon chip, electronic stuff along the old Bath Road.

Look at book left by student in jeans, trainers etc on table. It is, good Lord, *Grundformen der Angst*, by Franz Riemann. Good *Lord!* Is he German sociology student on exchange trip, reading about Groundforms of Anxiety as relaxation, mere train-time passing, where one of ours would be into *Private Eye?* Or brilliant angry British lad, plumbing depths of 20th-century urban despair?

Mad urge begins to rise in deathly train silence: find this boy, give him book with smile, tell him we are not so bourgeois and complacent as we look. Read about this *Angst* myself, when young. Look here, will say, know it all looks terrible, especially when young, look how Kierkegaard felt in Nietzsche's death-of-God century, wrote whole book, *The Concept of Dread* (will repress urge to say now see the film), man only find his true glory when he sees, unlike animal, the abyss of Nothing against which he is poised.

But K also said: "He who has truly experienced anguish has learnt to walk as in a dance, while the apprentices of finiteness lose all reason and courage." And look, will continue, how Heidegger's concept of Care involves anxiety about future, and therefore good old classical causality will rear head, so we can make things happen, build brave new . . .

Ha, seventh train has come out of Liverpool Street, we moving. Good, have counted 11 in past. No sign of boy. Loudspeaker says *wologise for the grail y drive the format of graky porridge this is a grook snoot elected at goxy's fork. Hoink in a horker. Q.*

Maybe better if neither of us said anything.

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GORBACHOV USES THE POLLS

Contrary to the evidence of some television news bulletins, and some front pages, much else is happening in the world besides the British general election. Much of it could, in the eye of history, prove at least as important. For example, the Soviet Union has had a damaging propaganda success in its campaign to achieve the so-called zero-zero option. In doing so it has received the unexpected support of Mrs Thatcher.

Last week the West German Chancellor, Herr Helmut Kohl — who has long had a healthy scepticism about a plan that would make Europe so seductively less dependent on nuclear weapons and so perilously more at risk from Soviet tanks — appeared to come out against the zero-zero option more strongly than ever before. Mrs Thatcher, who has long shared Herr Kohl's view, then appeared to change.

This week Herr Kohl appeared to change his mind too. He did so for a reason which at the moment the British public are well-placed to understand. It was to do with an election.

Last Sunday, there was voting in Hamburg and in the Land of Rhineland-Palatinate — Herr Kohl's political homeland. A few days before the poll, the Chancellor made some remarks the essence of which was that, if there is to be a zero-zero option, tactical US and Soviet nuclear weapons should be involved, not just intermediate range ones. Herr Kohl's desire for any negotiation on the zero-zero option to include all nuclear weapons appeared Utopian. It was therefore seen in West Germany as a device to hide opposition to the zero-zero option as such.

Whereupon, Hamburg and Rhineland-Palatinate voted, and Herr Kohl's Christian Democrats suffered severe losses to the Liberal Free Democrats, who favour the zero-zero option. It is common ground in West Germany that Herr Kohl's remarks were a major cause of these votes changing hands. The Soviet Union was, doubtless, delighted.

Herr Kohl was not helped by Mrs Thatcher choosing the end of last week to change her whole tone on the zero-zero option. A Foreign Office "spokesman" was quoted on Friday morning as saying that Britain was in favour of it. Naturally, there was much small print. But, in such matters, what a "spokesman" chooses to emphasize, and what he chooses to put into small print, is all.

Until then, the Government had chosen to emphasize the difficulties of the option proposal. Now the difficulties — such as adequate verification — were in the small print.

By Friday evening, launching her election campaign in Perth, Mrs Thatcher was saying that the option was "a real possibility". This was the Prime Minister who — in the face of all sentimentality about "a world free from nuclear weapons" — had bravely questioned whether the "denuclearization of Europe" was really a good thing. And she had done so in Moscow.

Now she was raising public hopes. The British Government's changed tone received great attention in West Germany last week. Britain had contributed to the first rift between major western allies provoked by Mr Gorbachev's zero-zero option tactic.

West German voters traditionally fear their country being isolated in the world. Little wonder that by the beginning of this week Herr Kohl's "spokesmen" were saying that of course the Chancellor had never intended to say that he was against the option plan as such.

What had inspired Mrs Thatcher's new-found enthusiasm for the plan was the British election. But there is no point in her and her ministers breathing defiance of the Peace Movement, Mr Kinnock and Mr Healey, if in the next breath they are going to show nervousness in response to what the electorate allegedly wants to hear.

The zero-zero option remains what Mrs Thatcher believed it to be in the first place: a danger to the peace of Europe unless part of a negotiated reduction of nuclear weapons of all kinds, and a scaling down of Soviet conventional forces (not least in Afghanistan) if the Soviet Union really wants to show good will.

RELIGION'S ELECT

If voters did not cast their votes using some kind of moral criteria, and acted solely in their own self-interest, democracy would have cause for despair. They have, however, always looked beyond that to the well-being of the nation, to the remedying of social wrongs, and to moral issues which particularly concern them. But the word morality can be bandied about in a manner which debases it.

There was a whiff of that in the questions on social policy, poverty and unemployment put to politicians last week by a group of bishops including the Bishop of Liverpool, the Rt. Rev. David Sheppard. Yesterday the whiff became still stronger when the new bishop-elect of Birmingham, the Rt Rev Mark Santer, launched a campaign to make poverty a central issue in the election. After declaring that this was a "matter of politics, though not in the party sense", he added gratuitously that the Conservative programme did not put poverty "very high on the agenda."

Bishop Sheppard and those who spoke last week of unemployment, homelessness, and the difficulties of urban areas, took care not to be drawn into overt party politics. Yet they must expect their remarks about "the long term and grave injustices" to the inner city poor to be read in the light of what is known of their past quasi-political declarations.

The known lack of sympathy of Bishop Sheppard and his colleagues for the government and their sympathy with the neo-Keynesian economics of the opposition parties was bound to influence any reading of their latest sanitized comments. Mr David Steel seized on their statements declaring that morality in government was the "unspoken theme of this election."

In what sense? Every elector is entitled, and indeed morally bound if he feels strongly enough, to cast his vote in the light of his convictions on questions outside the political mainstream. There will even be some who will vote against Mr Steel because they disapprove of his position over abortion and the Act of Parliament he sponsored.

Religious and other pressure groups are exhorting their sympathisers to scrutinise their candidates' positions on such matters as the attitude to family life, pornography and Sunday observance. Some will vote for the Conservatives because they are prepared to bring in safeguards against the exploitation of violence and sex on television.

Some of these issues were identified yesterday in a statement yesterday by the Roman Catholics Bishops' Conference which set out some of the considerations "to be borne in mind" during the election "in the light of the gospel and the moral and social teachings of the church." These included such matters as amending the abortion law, protecting human embryoes, policies to encourage lasting marriage and family life, on which the Catholic position is clear.It also raised broader questions of housing, health care and unemployment, but in an unexceptionable, if rather obvious way, with no implied answers.

For almost everybody, action against unemployment and poverty are major moral criteria in voting. Mr Kinnock, Dr Owen and Mr Steel believe that their policies are the answers. The moral foundation of Mrs Thatcher's case is her belief that in the long run nothing destroys employment more ruthlessly than inflation. The ends are clear; the means a matter of opinion. The churches are right, if they choose, to give clear guidance on the matters on which MPs normally have a free vote. On the broader questions of politics, they can give guidance to the desired ends, but should not use their office to imply that they also have a sanctified insight into the technical means.

A WAY FORWARD FOR FIJI

Just as the coup in Fiji appeared to be over, the streets of the capital, Suva, suffered their first serious outbreak of violence. Last night calm had been restored but the rule of law looked tenuous. Great responsibility still rests with those who remain in power.

These include Ratu Sir Penaia Ganilau, the Governor-General who, with support from the Queen (or so it would seem), has already played a crucial role. Another is Lt.-Col. Sitiveni Rabuka who led last week's coup and whose appeal for an end to the violence must have played some part in quelling it.

There is also the Great Council of Chiefs, the 200 tribal leaders from Fiji's scattered islands, who can exert great influence in the absence of an elected government. They met yesterday and will do so again today, to consider constitutional changes and the composition of an advisory council to help the Governor-General run the country.

The Melanesian chiefs must instinctively feel some sympathy for Colonel Rabuka and his colleagues, who led the coup to depose the newly elected prime minister Dr Timoci Bavadra and his Indian-dominated coalition. But, if they are thus tempted towards favouring their own kind, it is a temptation they must resist.

Tuesday's rioting served only to underline the depth of feeling which divides the two main ethnic groupings in Fiji. The problem has been just below the surface for many years, as the indigenous Melanesians have watched the steady growth of the Indian population. Now the Indians have a slight majority and, in Melanesian eyes, threaten eventually to extend their control over the commercial and industrial life of Fiji, to land ownership and political administration.

These fears are real and cannot be ignored. But the Indian population of Fiji can hardly be wished away either. Indeed without them, most of the country's economy would probably grind to a halt. It is doubtful if the Melanesians are in any position now to discriminate against the ethnic Indian community. But they should not be tempted to try. The path of dicrimination and privilege leads to the sort of situation which we can see so clearly in Sri Lanka.

Individual freedoms under a democratically elected government should be the most cherished possession of any emerging country. In the Third World today they have been all too often squandered by politicians in search of power. It would be a sad development in the South Pacific, if Fiji went the same way.

The greatest single threat to this ideal is posed by ethnic or tribal voting — when the interests of the community at large become confusd with those of one individual culture or grouping. Fiji, with a reasonably balanced population, has the opportunity now to avoid this danger. Ideally it should promote the development of political parties which cross ethnic barriers.

This also means, however, encouraging a better breakdown of ethnic interests, with Melanesians playing a larger part in the country's commercial life and the Indians becoming land-owners. To avoid long-term communal strife a radical change in the social, economic and political fabric must be sought. In the short term, constitutional safeguards must be considered for the interests of both sections of society. The events of this last week have contained a warning to the people of Fiji and it is important that they act on it.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Continuing the abbey tradition

From the Dean of Westminster

Sir, The resignation of Simon Preston as Organist and Master of the Choristers at Westminster Abbey has been widely reported and commented on. In view of the rumours and half-truths which are being circulated I should like to set out the facts.

1. Mr Preston presented his resignation to the Dean and Chapter on the grounds that he wished to give more time to his professional career as a performer. The Chapter reluctantly accepted this decision, knowing it to be one which he had been contemplating for some time.

2. The Dean and Chapter are not, as Mr Jones claims (May 16), "introducing the modern liturgy of the Alternative Service Book", nor are we prepared to perform "second-rate music". Rite B of the ASB has been the rite used at the Abbey Sung Eucharist for many years, combined with the classic musical settings, both in English and Latin. There has been no suggestion that we should depart from this combination of the new and the old as our normal eucharistic practice, nor from the traditional musical settings of the daily office of Evensong.

3. Mr Jones speaks of "drawing (his) musical inspiration from our cathedrals and abbeys". My belief is that we shall be evading such proper expectations if we do not attempt both to combine the performing of all that is excellent in our tradition and to encourage the best of modern composers to create fine new liturgical settings. This is indeed a challenge which confronts the whole Church at the present time.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL MAYNE,
The Deanery,
Westminster Abbey, SW1.
May 19.

Black sections

From Mr Percy S. Gourgey

Sir, As a former national chairman of Poale Zion, an affiliated society of the Labour Party since 1920, I commend the views of Mr Joseph Amamoo on the issue of black sections (feature, May 15).

Together with similarly affiliated organisations such as the Fabian Society, the Royal Co-operative Society, the Society of Labour Lawyers and others, a full role has been played in all organs of the Labour Party. This could equally apply for black and Asian members who are similarly organised.

Members of Poale Zion serving as MPs elected by their respective constituencies (before the dissolution) include Mr Gerald Kaufman, Mr Reg Freeson, Mr Ian Mikardo, Dr Maurice Miller and Mr Greville Janner. There are, as is also well known, Jewish MPs of the Conservative Party.

The leaders of all major parties, including prime ministers and leaders of the Opposition, have frequently affirmed the full equality of rights enjoyed by members of ethnic groups together with their fellow British citizens. As far as the Labour Party is concerned such affiliation, as provided for by its constitution, offers the best solution to the problem.

Yours faithfully,
PERCY S. GOURGEY,
Poplar Court,
Twickenham, Middlesex.
May 15.

Doctor up in the air

From Dr J. Newman

Sir, Recently I flew to Glasgow on business on the extremely efficient early morning BA Shuttle — the same day as British Airways shares jumped by three pence. If the quality of breakfast is a critical health yardstick of a good airline then I personally doubt very much if there will be many businessmen remaining to benefit from any profit they might make on their BA share-selling.

Had an airline set out deliberately to create a meal heavily saturated in cholesterol and undesirable fats I doubt if they could have done better than BA's breakfast. When I asked the delightful air stewardess to identify an object in the middle of the hot tray she said she was uncertain, "but never mind, Sir, just eat it anyway". After careful dissection it transpired that it was cheese of the worse type hiding a hard-boiled egg.

May I remind the "world's favourite airline" that England, and even more so Scotland, have still one of the worst records for cardiac disease in the world.

With kind regards,
Yours sincerely,
JOHN NEWMAN
(Senior Medical Officer, BBC TV),
107 Hanworth Road,
Hampton-on-Thames, Middlesex.
May 18.

Off with the show?

From Dr John B. Traherne

Sir, Once again the rush-hour traffic is snarled up by the annual pilgrimage of visitors to the Chelsea Flower Show. When will the authorities concerned realise the problems caused and move this horticultural spectacle from the centre of London?

Surely the grounds of Wisley would provide a more suitable setting and allow access without urban pressure.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN B. TRAHERNE,
48 Brixton Water Lane, SW2.
May 7.

Lessons of a child betrayed

From Mr Dennis Walters

Sir, Another child has died tragically, cruelly and avoidably. Another enquiry into the particular case is no doubt necessary. But the basic problem in most of these cases remains the same and is now well known.

You rightly commented in your leader, "A child betrayed" (May 16), that, as in previous cases, the social workers "allowed themselves to be fobbed off with excuses". In his evidence, Mr Ruddock [the social services team manager] said, "I had no powers to gain entry to the house" and that his attempts to enquire into Kimberley's medical condition were thwarted by Hall.

This underlines once again the pressing need for the law to impose upon social workers both the power and the duty to insist upon routine actual inspection and medical examination of returned children which I tried to achieve by the original provisions of my Children and Young Persons (Amendment) Bill 1986.

The amended Bill received the Royal Assent in July, 1986, too late to help Kimberley but very much to the point in cases of this kind.

In its modified form it does empower the formulation of regulations to deal with precisely these matters. They should now be made and implemented as a matter of utmost urgency.

Yours faithfully,
DENNIS WALTERS
(Prospective parliamentary candidate for Westbury (Conservative)),
Campaign Headquarters,
Lovemead House,
Roundstone Street,
Trowbridge, Wiltshire.
May 19.

From Miss V. J. C. Watson

Sir, Your analysis (leading article, May 16) of the double failure of family and State to prevent the repetition of the abuse and death of children known to be at risk is well drawn. The remedy you suggest is, however, ill-considered and unlikely to bring about an improvement.

Families are unlikely to seek help if they fear that failure to continue cooperation will result in the withdrawal of benefit. Other evidence suggests that families already do not take up benefits to which they are entitled and ignorance, despite the availability of advice, is thought to be the cause.

In many families it is the stress of money problems which contributes to the abuse. In any event, withdrawing child benefit from the mother will not affect the behaviour of a dominant father or stepfather.

Foster families taking in children, short and long term, receive at least £35 per week from the local authority for each child they foster, whereas the payment to parents of supplementary benefit applicable even to older children is £18.75 and much less for a baby.

In contrast to your suggestion, payments under the provision of the Child Care Act 1980 should be made in cases where financial hardship is a root, as being a cheaper and better alternative to care by the local authority.

The real evil consists in leaving within the family a child known to be at risk where cooperation and assistance from social services is refused. Local authorities should be much readier to invoke, with the assistance of the police, section 40 of the Children and Young Persons Act 1933, which gives a power of entry to a constable to remove a child where there is "reasonable cause to suspect" that the child is being assaulted, ill-treated or neglected.

This Act has been around for years — dare one ask if the failure to invoke it is political?

Yours faithfully,
V. J. C. WATSON,
Watson, Marshal & Co, Solicitors,
235 King Street, W6.

From Mr Grahame Cave

Sir, May I reassure Mrs Christine Brown (May 14) that whilst a social worker has no authority to insist on seeing a child, there is legislation to obtain it.

Section 40 (1), Children and Young Persons Act 1933, states:

If it appears to a justice of the peace on information on oath laid by any person who, in the opinion of the justice, is acting in the interests of a child or young person, that there is reasonable cause to suspect —

(a) that the child or young person has been or is being assaulted, ill-treated, or neglected in any place within the jurisdiction of the justice, in a manner likely to cause him unnecessary suffering, or injury to health; or

(b) that any offence mentioned in the First Schedule to this Act has been or is being committed in respect of the child or young person, the justice may issue a warrant authorising any constable named therein to search for the child or young person, and, if it is found that he has been or is being assaulted, ill-treated, or neglected in manner aforesaid, or that any such offence as aforesaid has been or is being committed in respect of him, to take him to and detain him in a place of safety, until he can be brought before a juvenile court, . . .

"Reasonable cause to suspect" commences immediately an allegation is made and remains so until the child is seen.

Yours faithfully,
GRAHAME CAVE,
70 Longway Avenue,
Whitchurch, Bristol, Avon.

Fiji rebellion

From Mr H. P. Hall

Sir, I hope we do not think too harshly of Colonel Rabuka and the native Fijians for wishing to overthrow an Indian majority government. As your Suva Correspondent states (May 16), the coup has its origin in the arrival of indentured Indian labourers in 1879.

What may not be known is that these Indians were brought to Fiji against the wishes of the Governor, his advisers and the plantation owners, and the native Fijians had no effective say. The British Treasury felt Fiji should pay its way, but economic development was very slow.

The native Fijians were not attracted to work on the plantations, originally cotton, which failed, and later sugar. Labour was imported from other islands in the Pacific but this was not much better. So instructions were issued by the British Government to the Governor to bring in indentured labour from India. They came for five years but did not qualify for repatriation until they had been in Fiji for 10 years. This was done deliberately to encourage them to settle in Fiji and build up its economy.

From the very beginning the presence of these Indians has been resented by the native Fijians and even after a hundred years the racial divide is very distinct. Anyone who has personal experience of Fiji will confirm that the vast majority of native Fijians were never likely to accept a government dominated by the Indians.

Before we judge the Fijians we should think what our own reactions would be if indentured labour had been brought into the country 100 years ago and, because of their higher birthrate, had built up a large population and then taken over the government.

Yours faithfully,
H. P. HALL,
Robina, The Chase,
Ashley, Near Ringwood, Dorset.

Japan's rice imports

From Mr Taro Kimura

Sir, I deeply regret that a part of one television interview I conducted on the subject of rice imports should have been construed by Mr David Watts as an attempt to "stoke emotions" (report, April 24). Having reviewed the whole segment of the broadcast in question, I find it difficult to understand how it is possible for him to make this claim.

Immediately after the interview in English with the US Secretary of Agriculture, I switched to Japanese to speak with Professor Isashi Kajii, of Tokyo University of Agriculture and Technology, who is known as a strong advocate of protecting rice farming in Japan, about the very issues highlighted by Mr Watts.

As I moved on to this section, I made it clear to the audience that, having asked about rice imports from the point of view of a farmer, I would now examine the matter from the point of view of a consumer. I then asked questions about the high price of rice and about the wisdom of protecting inefficient rice production in the name of national security.

I am well aware of my responsibility as an anchorman on a network news broadcast that Mr Watts characterizes as "very influential". This awareness compels me to examine each issue from various perspectives. In adopting one such perspective, my question to the US Secretary of Agriculture was perhaps a provocative one, but it was justified as an attempt to elicit his criticisms of Japanese agriculture.

Yours faithfully,
TARO KIMURA,
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Jinnan 2-2-1,
Shibuya, Tokyo, Japan.

Match card

From Mr Paul Smith

Sir, Your "On This Day" column of May 11, with its account of quaint cricket teams, speculated that the "Rugby Old Guard" must have played for Tom Brown.

That impression, that the "Old Guard" is drawn from pupils in the school, is quite incorrect. In fact, the "Old Guard" is the masters' side, though I cheerfully admit that, on our relative form at present, the pupils might well master us.

However, Bernard Darwin was surely correct in describing our title as being full of "thrill and mystery". Not only our title; our selection policies and performances also would bear that out.

Yours faithfully,
PAUL SMITH, Secretary,
"Rugby Old Guard",
The Masters' Common Room,
Rugby School,
Rugby, Warwickshire.

Stones of scone

From Mrs Muriel Ryle

Sir, With reference to your Fourth Leader (May 16), my mother, who became an excellent cook, making scones to gladden Egon Ronay's heart, told the tale of how, in the first days of her married life, she was reduced to indignant tears on coming upon her brother and her bridegroom, seated upon the hall floor, engaged in a noisy game of draughts on the black-and-white checked linoleum with her scones — burnt ones versus anaemic ones, all as hard as the hobs, and no doubt equally suitable for nurdling.

Yours sincerely,
MURIEL RYLE,
22 Birchfield Gardens,
Low Fell,
Gateshead, Tyne and Wear.

A matter now for history?

From Lord Hailsham, CH, FRS, and others

Sir, The undersigned have noted the current publicity in relation to an episode now a quarter of a century old and feel it a good time to place on record their sense of admiration for the dignity and courage displayed by Mr and Mrs John Profumo and their family in that period.

This letter also records our feelings that it is now appropriate to consign the episode to history.

Yours faithfully,
HAILSHAM,
DROGHEDA,
CARRINGTON,
GOODMAN,
WEINSTOCK,
ROY JENKINS,
JAMES PRIOR,

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Gray's Inn, WC1.
May 20.

ON THIS DAY

MAY 21 1906

Sir Harry Johnston (1858 - 1927) learnt of a new species in 1900 when a Congo pygmy brought him two strips of okapi skin made into bandoliers. The animal, resembling an extinct form that existed in Greece 10 million years ago, was first seen in Britain in 1935. The King of the Belgians gave one to the Prince of Wales, who presented it to the London Zoo

THE ALEXANDER-GOSLING EXPEDITION.

A LIVING OKAPI SEEN.

A piece of news which cannot fail to excite considerable interest in zoological circles has been received from this expedition, whose arrival early in March at Bima on the River Welle in the northern territory of the Congo Free State is reported.

Captain Boyd Alexander reports that the expedition has secured in the district of Angu, on the River Welle, a specimen of the Okapi, which he hopes will eventually find a resting-place in the Natural History Department of the British Museum. But the most interesting reading in Captain Alexander's letter is the statement that the expedition saw the animal alive, for though several skins of the Okapi have been brought to Europe from the Congo Free State since the original specimen was sent to the British Museum by Sir Harry Johnston in 1901 and described by Professor Ray Lankester, it is, we believe, a fact that no white man has hitherto been able to report having had the good fortune to come across a living Okapi.

Several expeditions have been undertaken by sportsmen and others with this object specially in view, but it would now seem that the credit of the discovery, which is sufficiently remarkable to be for ever noted in the annals of zoology, must belong to the Alexander-Gosling expedition.

Captain Alexander has sent home a description of the specimen, which was obtained by José Lopez, his Portuguese collector, who seems to have made several unsuccessful attempts to secure the animal with the rifle, and ultimately captured a specimen by making use of the native method of trapping by digging a deep pit.

Captain G. B. Gosling writes from Angu, River Welle, under date February 26, 1906, as follows: —

. . . "Captain Boyd Alexander is sending you a description, &c., of the specimen secured: —

The Okapi here is generally found singly or in pairs, but Mobetti hunters state that sometimes three may be found together. An essential to the life of the Okapi is a small stream of water with some muddy and swampy ground on either side.In this grows a certain large leaf that on its single stalk attains a height of 10ft. It is the young leaf of this plant that is the favourite food of the Okapi, and I venture to say that where the plant is not to be found the animal will not exist. . . Near the River Welle I found his spoor on ground frequented by buffalo and waterbuck, but this is unusual and his companions in the forest are the elephant, the greater bush-buck, the yellow-backed and small red duikers. The Okapi is very quick of hearing and in that respect is classed by the Mobatti with the bushbuck (local name "bungana"). . . On the hunting ground of the first village that I visited I estimated the number of Okapi as five or six, at the second and third nil, and 20 miles south in the forest, on very likely ground where my guide said they were formerly numerous, there was one only, probably owing to rubber collectors who had been there. The Okapi is killed occasionally by the natives, speared, shot, or trapped by the common African method by which José Lopez secured it. At the first village I visited three had been speared at various times, at the second and third one each, and in the forest referred to above my guide had shot one. Unfortunately, time did not permit me to continue my search. . .

COURT AND SOCIAL

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
May 20: The Queen, Colonel-in-chief, visited The Corps of Royal Engineers at Brompton Barracks, Chatham today to celebrate the Bicentenary of the Granting of the Royal Warrant to the Corps.

Having been received at Chatham Railway Station by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Kent (the Right Hon Robin Leigh-Pemberton), The Queen drove to the Royal School of Military Engineering, Brompton Barracks and was received by the Chief Royal Engineer (General Sir Hugh Beach).

Her Majesty viewed a series of displays on the work of The Corps of Royal Engineers and afterwards attended a Reception for soldiers and their wives and civilian employees of the Corps.

The Queen subsequently honoured the Chief Royal Engineer with her presence at luncheon in the Officers' Mess.

In the afternoon Her Majesty visited the Combat Engineer Activity Display and afterwards received a team of runners from The Queen's Gurkha Engineers.

Her Majesty then visited the Ravelin Building, and having been received by the Regimental Colonel Royal Engineers (Colonel W.T. Dennison), opened the Royal Engineers Museum and unveiled a commemorative plaque. The Queen later attended a Reception in the Corps Marquee.

Lady Susan Hussey, Mr Kenneth Scott and Lieutenant-Commander Timothy Laurence, RN were in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Colonel, Grenadier Guards, this morning visited the GKN Defence factory at Telford, where His Royal Highness accepted the first Warrior Armoured Personnel Carrier on behalf of the Regiment.

His Royal Highness travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight and was received by the Vice Lord-Lieutenant for Shropshire (the Viscount Boyne) and the Chairman of GKN (Sir Trevor Holdsworth).

The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron, this afternoon visited the Royal Air Force Museum at Cosford where His Royal Highness was received by by Marshal of the Royal Air Force Sir Michael Beetham.

Afterwards, The Duke of Edinburgh opened and toured the new premises of Swish Products Ltd, at Tamworth.

His Royal Highness was received by the Vice Lord-Lieutenant for Staffordshire (Colonel F.W. James) and the Chairman and Managing Director of the Company (Mr R.A. Moulder).

Captain James Fraser was in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh, Colonel-in-Chief, this evening attended the Regimental Dinner of The Queen's Own Highlanders Officers' Dinner Club at the Naval and Military Club.

His Royal Highness was received by the Colonel of the Regiment (Major General John Hopkinson).

Major Rowan Jackson, RM was in attendance.

The Duke and Duchess of York this evening attended a dinner party at the Mansion House given by the Right Hon the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress.

Mrs John Floyd and Wing Commander Adam Wise were in attendance.

The Duchess of York today attended an "Any Questions" Luncheon at the Grosvenor House Hotel given in aid of Birthright.

Her Royal Highness was received by the Chairman of the Luncheon Committee (Mrs Ronald Ferguson) and the Chairman of the Birthright Appeals Committees (Lady Wolfson).

Miss Helen Hughes was in attendance.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, Patron of the National Union of Townswomen's Guilds, today attended a luncheon followed by the National Council Meeting at the Royal Albert Hall.

Her Royal Highness was received by the Lord Mayor of Westminster (Councillor Mrs Terence Mallinson) and the National Chairman of the Townswomen's Guilds (Mrs Jean Ellerton).

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips, President, attended the 45th Annual General Meeting of the Women's Royal Naval Service Benevolent Trust (Chairman, Miss Nancy Thomson) at the Victory Services Club, London, W2.

The Hon Mrs Legge-Bourke was in attendance.

By command of The Queen, the Lord Hesketh (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London this morning upon the departure of The President of the Republic of Costa Rica and Señora de Arias and bade farewell to Their Excellencies on behalf of Her Majesty.

By command of The Queen, the Lord Maclean (Permanent Lord in Waiting) was present at Royal Air Force Northolt this afternoon upon the departure of The King of the Belgians and bade farewell to His Majesty on behalf of Her Majesty.

KENSINGTON PALACE
May 20: The Princess of Wales today presented the Construction Achievement Awards 1987 at the Inn on the Park, London W1.

Mrs Max Pike and Lieutenant-Commander Richard Aylard, RN were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, Deputy Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Anglian Regiment, this afternoon received Lieutenant-Colonel David Harris on relinquishing the appointment as Commanding Officer of the 7th (Volunteer) Battalion and Lieutenant-Colonel Gordon Brett on assuming the appointment.

The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were entertained to dinner this evening by The City of London Sheriffs' Society at the Old Bailey, EC4.

Lieutenant-Colonel Sir Simon Bland and Mrs Howard Page were in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
May 20: The Duke and Duchess of Kent today attended the Middle East Association's Annual Luncheon at the Café Royal, London W1.

Sir Richard Buckley and Mrs Alan Henderson were in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
May 20: Princess Alexandra this morning named STS James Cook, the first of a new class of sea training vessels for the Ocean Youth Club, of which Her Royal Highness is Patron, at Hebburn, Tyne and Wear.

In the afternoon, Princess Alexandra opened Peaselands, the new Anchor Housing scheme for older people, and "The Anchorage" activity centre at Shipley, West Yorkshire.

Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Mrs Peter Afia.

Lambeth degrees

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Robert Runcie, is to confer a Lambeth Degree of doctor of divinity on the Chief Rabbi, Sir Immanuel Jakobovits, in recognition of his 20 years of service as Chief Rabbi.

A similar degree is to be conferred on the retired Dean of Worcester, the Very Rev Thomas Baker. The organist of St Paul's Cathedral, Mr Christopher Dearnley, is to be awarded a doctorate of music; Miss Melanie Barbner, deputy librarian at Lambeth Palace, is to receive a Master of Arts; and doctorates of medicine and of law are to be awarded to Mr James Thomson, of St Mark's Hospital, and Sir Richard O'Brien, former chairman of the Manpower Services Commission, respectively.

Sale room

Lord Sackville sells Knole silver

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

Lord Sackville sold off unneeded silver from his strong room at Christie's yesterday for a total of £708,598.

While Knole, the family's rambling Tudor mansion in Kent, now belongs to the National Trust, much of the contents and the vast agricultural estate still belong to the family. It was the soaring cost of running the estate that had left them no option but to sell the silver, though not, of course, sending to the sale room the Charles II silver for which Knole is famous.

The star turn was a huge silver dinner service made for the third Duke of Dorset by the royal goldsmiths when the duke was appointed ambassador to Paris in 1784. It cost him £2,463 17s 7d and, though many pieces had now gone missing, realized £528,990 yesterday.

Each piece is engraved with the royal arms to suit his dignity as the king's representative. Most of the dinner plates will, however, next be eaten off in Scandinavia. Three dozen dinner plates and 20 soup plates were purchased by a single Scandinavian buyer for £37,850 (estimate £23,000-£33,000).

The grandest pieces in the service were the tureens with an elegant design of French inspiration. One pair made £50,800 (estimate £40,000-£60,000) and the other £39,600 (estimate £30,000-£50,000).

The smartest items in the sale, however, were the set of four silver-gilt wine coolers, sprouting ram's masks and vine tendrils, made in 1813 for the Earl Whitworth to take to Ireland where he had been appointed Viceroy. The wine coolers, made by Paul Storr, sold for £220,000 (estimate £100,000-£150,000).

In New York on Tuesday, prices went through the roof at Christie's sale of Latin American paintings, which totalled £2.3 million with six per cent left unsold.

A sunflower painting by Diego Rivera became the most expensive Latin American painting ever sold at auction at $495,000 (estimate $350,000-$450,000) or £289,474.

Echoes of the price paid for Van Gogh's vase of sunflowers in London in March may well have encouraged bidders. In this picture, entitled "Muchacha Con Girasoles", a young girl is arranging a vase of big, sprawling golden blooms. It dates from 1941.

There were also new auction price records for Wifredo Lam at $418,000 (estimate $180,000-$22,000) or £244,444, for Matta at $209,000 (estimate $80,000-$120,000) or £122,222 and for Remeidos Varo at $143,000 (estimate $60,000-$80,000) or £83,626. The last and several other pictures in the sale were bought by Japanese dealers.

Christie's were also selling 19th century European paintings in New York but they came unstuck with their star lot, a portrait of M Ouitre by Jean Francois Millet. It has been called "one of the greatest French portraits of the 19th century" but was left unsold at $750,000 (estimate $900,000-$1,000,000).

Marriages

The Hon Patrick Lawrence and Miss L.H. Marchessini
The marriage took place yesterday in the Greek Cathedral, Moscow Road, W2, of the Hon Patrick Lawrence, only son of Lord and Lady Oaksey, of Oaksey, Wiltshire, and Miss Lucinda Marchessini, eldest daughter of Mr Demetri Marchessini, of Wilton Crescent, London, and Mrs Nicholas Peto, of Charlbury, Oxfordshire. The Archbishop of Thyateira and Great Britain, the Greek Orthodox Archbishop of North and South America, the Bishop of Militoupolis and Father George officiated.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Miss Atalanta Marchessini and Miss Cassandra Marchessini. Mr Christopher Kemp was best man.

A reception was held at the Savoy Hotel and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr D.H. Commaille and Miss C.J. Dalby
The marriage took place on Wednesday, May 20, 1987, at the Register Office, Sutton, Surrey, between Mr Douglas Henri Commaille and Miss Carole Jane Dalby. The witnesses were Miss Willis Commaille and Mr Stephen Dalby. A family luncheon was held afterwards at the Connaught Hotel and a holiday will be spent abroad.

Mr G.L. Gilling-Smith and Miss L.H. Bennett
The marriage took place on Saturday, May 16, at the Parish Church of The Blessed Virgin Mary, Shipton-under-Wychwood, between Mr Geoffrey Gilling-Smith, son of Mr and Mrs Dryden Gilling-Smith, of 6 Vernon Walk, Tadworth, Surrey, and Miss Lynda Helen Bennett, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Bennett, of Tall Trees, 34A Cranford Avenue, Exmouth. The Rev Graham Canning officiated.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Mrs Lindsey Mackie and Dr Carole Gilling-Smith and Elena, Clare and Alison Mouncey. Dr Nicholas Carr was best man.

A reception was held at Wyck Hill House, Stow on the Wold.

Mr S.C. Holsgrove and Miss C.E.M. Gordon Clark
The marriage took place on Saturday, May 16, at St Nicolas', Itchingfield, of Mr Stephen Holsgrove and Miss Catherine Gordon Clark.



The Queen, Colonel-in-Chief of the Corps of Royal Engineers, delighting in the reception she received during a visit to the corps at Brompton Barracks, Chatham, Kent, yesterday to celebrate the bicentenary of the granting of the royal title to the Engineers. (Photograph: Julian Herbert).

Princess presents awards

The Princess of Wales yesterday presented awards to the British contractors and architects of the £225 million Sultan Qaboos University, Oman, which opened last year (Our Architecture Correspondent writes).

The complex, which she and the Prince of Wales visited in November, was designed by YRM International and built by Cementation International, a subsidiary of Trafalgar House.

The Construction Achievement Award 1987, sponsored by *Construction News*, was to mark the successful completion of the 225,000 square metre complex in the record time of four years. More than 700 British suppliers and sub-contractors provided over £100 million worth of goods and services for the largest building project ever undertaken in Oman.

The complex comprises five colleges, 570 houses, 13 halls of residence and a mosque.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Albrecht Durer, painter and engraver, Nuremberg, 1471; Alexander Pope, London, 1688; Elizabeth Fry, prison reformer, Norwich, 1780; Henri Rousseau, painter, Laval, France, 1844.

DEATHS: Henry VI, reigned 1422-61, 1470-71, murdered, London, 1471; Robert Harley, 1st Earl of Oxford, statesman, London, 1724; Karl Scheele, chemist, Kopin, Sweden, 1786; Ronald Firbank, novelist, Rome, 1926.

Armourers and Brasiers Company

The following have been elected officers of the Armourers and Brasiers' Company for the ensuing year:
Master, Mr E. Josselyn R Hill; Upper Warden, Mr David T James; Renter Warden, Mr Giles C Wintle.

Appointments

Latest appointments include:
Professor Dillwyn Williams to be President of the Royal College of Pathologists from November 17.

Mr John Toulmin, QC, to be Leader of the UK Delegation to the Consultative Committee of the Bars of Europe.

Mr Jeff Crawford, of Haringey Council, London, to be a member of the Police Complaints Authority.

Sir Jeremy Morse to be Warden of Winchester College from November 14.

Mr John Parsons to be President of the Building Employers' Confederation.

Mr D.A.C. Lambert and Dr Dipak Ray to be part-time members of the Commission for Racial equality.

Admiral Sir Peter Stanford to be a Trustee of the Imperial War Museum, in succession to Vice-Admiral Sir Ian McGeoch.

Birthdays today

Mr R.W. Adam, company executive, 64; Lord Clydesmuir, 70; Baron Guy de Rothschild, 78; Mr Malcolm Fraser, CH, former Prime Minister of Australia, 57; Mr Leonard Manasseh, architect, 71; Lord Maxwell, 68; Dr Leonard Mullins, rubber physicist, 69; Mr Dipak Nandy, founder-director, Runnymede Trust, 51; Dr Andrei Sakharov, Soviet dissident, 66; Professor David Smith, botanist, 57; Mr R.R. Welch, silversmith, 58; Mr Desmond Wilcox, broadcaster, 56; Lord Willoughby de Broke, 91; the Right Rev Mark Wood, Bishop of Ludlow, 68; Mr James Woodhouse, headmaster, Lancing College, 54.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R.B. de Lisser and Miss S.S. Wendell
The engagement is announced between Robert, son of Dr Carol de Lisser and Mrs Elizabeth de Lisser, of Montego Bay, Jamaica, and Serena, daughter of Mrs Peter Rees and stepdaughter of the Right Hon Peter Rees, QC, of 39 Headfort Place, London SW1.

Mr A.L. Bingham and Miss C.M. Wolffe
The engagement is announced between Adrian, son of the late Mr A.L. Bingham and of Mrs M. Bingham, of Purley, Surrey, and Catherine, daughter of Dr and Mrs B.P. Wolffe, of Exeter, Devon.

Mr T.M. Borthwick and Miss J. Rosenholz
The engagement is announced between Timothy, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Brian Borthwick, of Manor Farm Lodge, Brancaster, Norfolk, and Justin, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Rosenholz, of Chicago, United States. The marriage will take place in Chicago on July 11.

Mr C.H.St G. Carey and Mrs S.N. Harmond
The engagement is announced between Charles, son of Mr and Mrs H.L.St G. Carey, of Fairford, Gloucestershire, and Sika, daughter of Mr and Mrs M.B. Noggle, of Maryland, United States.

Mr S.O. Ciecierski and Miss G. Ongley
The engagement is announced between Stefan Oliver, elder son of Count and Countess Antoni Ciecierski, of Ostrozany, Poland, and now of Bedford Park, London, W4, and Gail, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs C. Ongley, of Walberton, Sussex.

Mr G.V. Collins and Miss S.M. Gilmour
The engagement is announced between Graham, third son of the late Mr Ronald Collins and Mrs June Collins, of Welling, Kent, and Susan, second daughter of Mr and Mrs W.N. Gilmour, of Meads Brow, Eastbourne, Sussex.

Mr P.D. Croft and Miss S.R. Thompson
The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs D.E.P. Croft, of Chelmsford, Essex, and Susan, daughter of Mr B.H. Thompson, of Felixstowe, Suffolk, and Mrs P. Wood, of Foxhall, Suffolk.

Mr P.J.A. Finnis and Miss A.S.Z. de Cent
The engagement is announced between Paul, eldest son of Colonel Michael Finnis, of Chiswick, and Mrs Sally Finnis, of Sydney, Australia, and Vida, youngest daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs Douglas de Cent, of Faversham, Kent.

Mr R. Hornsby and Miss A. Bamford
The engagement is announced between Robert, elder son of Mr and Mrs A.C. Hornsby, of Putney Heath, and Amanda, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs G.H. Bamford, of Great Baddow, Essex.

Mr P.M. Johnstone and Miss F.S. Greany
The engagement is announced between Philip Merriam, son of Mr D.M. Johnstone, of Broad Oak, Sussex, and Mrs J.M. Johnstone, of Mawnan Smith, Cornwall, and Frances Susan, eldest daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel J.M. Greany, rtd, and Mrs Greany, of Winchester, Hampshire.

Mr R. Logue and Miss A.E. Evers
The engagement is announced between Robert, youngest son of the late Mr and Mrs John Logue, of Liverpool, and Anne Elizabeth, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Evers, of Eastfield House, Whitchurch, Oxfordshire.

Mr P. Cosgrove and Miss J.V. Evers
The engagement is announced between Peter, elder son of Mr and Mrs Eric Cosgrove, of Solihull, and Jane Virginia, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Robert Evers, of Eastfield House, Whitchurch, Oxfordshire.

Dr H.H. Mills and Miss R.E. Henn
The marriage will take place shortly of H.H. Mills, MC, and Rosalind Henn.

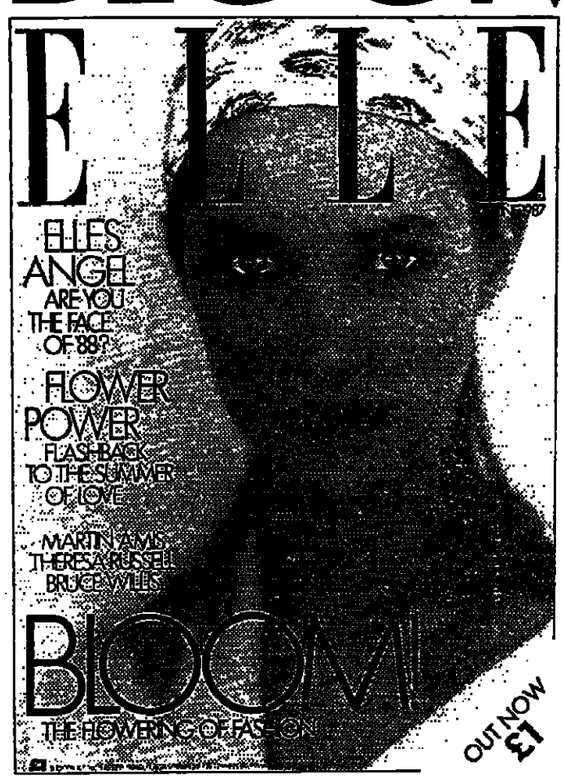
Mr J.H. Morris and Miss M.B. Caplis
The engagement is announced between John Hope, son of Mr and Mrs P.V. Morris, of Limpsfield, Surrey, and Mary Brigid, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Caplis, of Dunlavin, Co Wicklow.

Mr C.R. Tym and Miss C.A. Lea
The engagement is announced between Charles Ronald, son of Mr and Mrs R.J. Tym, of Coonamble, New South Wales, Australia, and Caroline Ann, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel F.A. Lea, MC, of Ramsgate, Kent, and Mrs I.S. Fidler, of Fourthrows, Kent.

Harlech Scholars' Trust

Mr Michael Hall, of New College, Oxford, has been selected as the first Harlech scholar and will study at the department of philosophy, Harvard University, next academic year. The trust was founded in memory of the late Lord Harlech.

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OBITUARY

MR LESLIE PINE

Pomp and pedigree

Mr Leslie Pine, author and genealogist, died on May 15. He was 79.

His obsession with genealogy began in his boyhood. His father liked to recount how the family coat of arms was granted by Richard Coeur de Lion. His son proved him wrong.

Leslie Gilbert Pine was born in Bristol on December 22, 1907. He was educated there and in London, graduating from London University in 1931. He then took a temporary job with *Burke's Landed Gentry* and the original six-month stint lasted until the war.

He spent the early years of the war as a civil servant. He was then commissioned in the RAF intelligence branch and served in North Africa, Italy and Greece. One of his jobs was to give lectures to air crew and ground staff. A minor triumph was the talk he gave to a squadron on heraldry.

Pine ended the war in Delhi with the rank of squadron leader. But Burke's traced him and invited him to become editor.

He returned and set about bringing *Burke's Peerage* and *Burke's Landed Gentry* up to date.

His energy was boundless, and there soon followed revivals of "Shaw's Standard Reference" series of business books; the *Author's and Writer's Who's Who*, *Who's Who in Music* and *Who's Who in the Free Churches*; the *Landed Gentry of Ireland* (the first edition since 1912); and a new international year book, the *Statesman's Who's Who*.

In his spare time he studied for the Bar of the Middle Temple, to which he was called in 1953.

His political and religious persuasions were flexible, and are best summed up by his own *Who's Who* entry:

Prospective Parly Candidate (C), Bristol Central, 1956; contested seat, 1959; re-adopted 1960; resigned and joined Liberal Party, 1962; Prospective Parly Candidate (L), S Croydon, 1963; re-signed candidature, June 1964, disagreeing profoundly with Liberalism.

Dioc. Lay Reader, London, 1939; Canterbury, 1961; St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, 1975; received into Catholic Church, 1964; reconciled to C of E, 1971.

Pine remained with Burke's until 1960 when he became managing editor of *The Shooting Times* - a peculiar choice, perhaps, for one who had held that creatures should not be killed for sport. He was a good shot, though.

Four years later he had had enough. "There was game shooting, wild fowling and rough shooting. It was blood all the time". Taking home in his pocket the still-warm head of a decapitated young otter was the final straw.

Tomes flowed from Pine's typewriter at an alarming rate. Among these were *Trace Your Ancestors* (1953), written for the amateur; *The Story of the Peerage* (1956), anecdotal in style and full of lively opinions; *Heirs of the Conquerer* (1965), which upset many who believed that they were his heirs; and *The Highland Clans* (1972), a well-researched and concise work.

The author, however, was frequently quick to take offence at reviews of his books.

His break with Toryism followed the publication of *Ramshackledom: A Critical Appraisal of the Establishment* (1962). It is a ramshackle of a book full of crankiness, contradictions and heresy.

In his own way he worked tirelessly to interest his compatriots in their descent. In this he had a measure of success.

He is survived by his wife, Grace, and by a son.

MR G. H. BRYSON

Mr G. H. Bryson, CBE, a Northern Ireland businessman who laboured in many fields to remedy the social ills that he saw as fostering division in the Province, died on May 2. He was 88.

George Herbert Bryson was born on October 16, 1898, at Portadown, of Presbyterian farming stock. His father was the founder of the textile firm of Spence Bryson Ltd.

He enlisted at the minimum recruiting age in 1916 and saw active service in France with the Royal Field Artillery.

During the next war he was released from the forces to organize civil defence welfare services after the Belfast blitz.

From his death of his father in 1923 until his own retirement in 1964, Bryson helped to guide the firm's continued expansion, demonstrating a keen grasp of finance and planning.

Before the war his social conscience had led him into YMCA work and to become first chairman of the Northern Ireland council of social service.

Studies of slum conditions under his supervision led to the creation of the Northern Ireland Housing Trust. His efforts here to provide high-quality housing, allocated impartially on the basis of need, earned him the CBE in 1971.

In 1949 Bryson was elected to the Senate of Queen's University (which gave him an honorary doctorate in 1977).

He married, in 1928, Rosemary Sinton. There were five children.

MR MURRAY MINDLIN

Mr Murray Mindlin, who had been active in British publishing for the past thirty years, died in London on May 8, at the age of 63.

American by birth, he served in the US Army during the war, and afterwards settled first in Israel, as a newspaper editor, and later in London. There he became associated with the Congress for Cultural Freedom and edited its publication, *Censorship*.

In the 1960s he joined Pall Mall Press, where his major achievement was the introduction of the work of the late Russian dissident, Anatoly Marchenko, to the English-speaking world. Marchenko's Mindlin helped develop the massive 42-volume *Index of English Literary Manuscripts*.

Among his own works are the anthology, *Explorations*, and a book of poems, *Dead Reckoning*. More recently, while editing *China Quarterly*, he wrote a book-length poem, *Reflections of Gudea*, about a ruler of the Sumerian city-state of Lagash in the third millenium BC.

He leaves his widow, Andrea, a son and a daughter.

Later, at the Mansell Press, searing account of the brutalities of the camps, *My Testimony*, caused a stir when it was published in 1969.

Luncheons

Middle East Association
The Duke and Duchess of Kent were present at the annual luncheon of the Middle East Association held yesterday at the Café Royal. Mr A.G. Bruce, chairman, presided and Mr H. Ridehalgh, president, also spoke.

Manchester Luncheon Club
Sir William Downward, Lord Lieutenant of Greater Manchester and Vice-President of the Manchester Luncheon Club, attended a luncheon held at the Free Trade Hall, Manchester, yesterday. Field Marshal Lord Bramall, Lord Lieutenant of Greater London, was the guest speaker and Mrs J. Parker presided.

Service luncheon

Royal Engineers Surveyors of Works Club
Lieutenant Alan Thomas, Chairman of the Royal Engineers Surveyors of Works Club, presided at the annual Spring luncheon held yesterday at the Oriental Club. Mr Alex Rimmer, Divisional Secretary of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors, was the guest of honour.

Lecture

Company of Scientific Instrument Makers
Sir Edwin Nixon delivered the annual Scientific Instrument Makers' Company lecture last night at Glaziers' Hall.

Receptions

Lord Mayor of Westminster
After his election at the annual council meeting held last night Councillor Kevin Gardner, Lord Mayor of Westminster, and Baroness Gardner of Parkes gave a reception at Westminster Council House. Baroness Hooper, the Hon Peter Brooke, Mr and Mrs John Wheeler and members and officers of Westminster City Council were among those present.

"The Way Ahead"
Dr F. Clifford Rose, Director of the Academic Unit of Neuroscience, was host at a reception held yesterday at the Charing Cross and Westminster Hospital Medical School to promote "The Way Ahead", a charity which has been established to find an end to neurological illnesses. Miss Joan Collins was the guest of honour.

Australian Musical Foundation in London
At a reception held yesterday evening at Australia House, Mr S.S. Lynn, Deputy Chairman of the Australian Musical Foundation in London, presented the first Mary Lynn Memorial Award to Dame Joan Sutherland and Mr Richard Bonynge to mark their outstanding contribution to Australian music. Mr Douglas McClelland, High Commissioner for Australia, patron of the foundation, received the guests, who included the Agents-General of the Australian States, trustees of the foundation and distinguished representatives of the world of music and the arts.

Service dinner

The Queen's Own Highlanders
The Duke of Edinburgh, Colonel-in-Chief of The Queen's Own Highlanders (Seaforth and Camerons), presided at the annual officers' dinner held last night at the Naval and Military Club. Major-General J.C.O.R. Hopkinson, Colonel of the Regiment, welcomed the guests who included the Ven James Harkness, Chaplain General to the Forces.

Correction

Sir William Hayter's name was incorrectly spelt in our introduction to his appreciation of Richard Ellmann on May 19.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS

Thy throne, o God, is for ever and ever, the sceptre of thy kingdom is a right sceptre.
Psalm 45 : 6

BIRTHS

ALLISON - On May 17th 1987, at Western General Hospital, Edinburgh, to Carol (née Paton) and Philip, a son, Peter William Donald, a brother for Austyn, Catherine and Joe.

BOND - On May 14th, at Christiana Hartley Hospital, Southport, to Diane and Mark, a daughter, Lauren Louise.

CARTWRIGHT - On May 20th, to Carlena and John, a son, Hugo Cornelis.

CHARMAN - On May 18th, at University College Hospital, London, to Amanda (née Baillieu) and Paul, a daughter, Elinor Moir.

CHEMEVIX-TRENCH - On May 18th 1987, at St. Peter's Hospital, Maldon, to Sarah (née Speakman) and Guy, a daughter, Poppy, a sister for Olivia.

CLARK - On May 18th 1987, at St Thomas' Hospital, to Lee and Andrew, a daughter, Charlotte Lavinia.

DOWN - On May 18th, to Elisabeth and Christopher, a daughter, Olivia Elisabeth Grace, a sister for Edward.

FLECK - On May 10th, to Mary and Richard, a daughter, Sara.

HEPBURNE SCOTT - On May 11th 1987, to Viola (née Heywood) and Michael, a son, Francis.

HERON - On May 16th, to Sally (née Scarles) and Paul, a daughter, Charlotte Joanna Katy, a sister for Georgina.

HOLROYD - On May 16th, at home in Binningen, Switzerland, to Karine and Richard, a son, Alexander.

HOWARTH - On May 14th, at Dulwich Hospital, to Catherine (née Scott) and Robin, a son, Tom.

JARVIS - On May 13th, to Deborah (née May) and James, a son, Jonathan Aric Kristian.

JONES - On May 8th, in Cheltenham, to Jenny (née Pattinson) and Martin, a daughter, Victoria Grace, a sister for Charlotte and Eleanor.

KIRBY - On May 13th, to Stephanie (née Duffell) and Robert, a daughter, Isabelle Louise, a sister for Eleanor.

LINDON - On May 15th, at Rochford Hospital, to Jane and Robert, a daughter, a sister for Oliver.

MAIN - On May 9th, to Susan (nee Tillman) and Jeremy, a son, Richard James.

NEYMAN - On December 31st 1986, to Christine (née Walsh) and Jan, God's gift of a son, Baptised Patrick Leo Christian on May 3rd 1987.

PETERS - On May 14th 1987, at Princess Mary's RAF Hospital, Halton, to Sarah (née Winter) and Jeremy, a son, Christopher Harry, a brother for Thomas and Nicholas.

RANDOLPH - On May 8th, to Lyandrea (née White) and Nicholas, a son, Samuel Michael Peter.

RICHARDS - On May 19th, at St John's Hospital, Chelmsford, to Margaret and Michael, a son, Jonathan Michael Nicholas, a brother to Oliver and Thomas.

RICHARDSON - On May 11th, to Catherine (née Simcox) and Andrew, a son, Jack Edward, a brother for Amy.

SCARLES - See Heron.

SCHOFIELD - On May 13th, to Diana (née Huntley) and Tim, a daughter, Margaret.

STRUTT - On May 19th at Cheltenham, to Isabelle (née Shinn) and Thomas, a daughter.

WARNER - On May 17th, to Tania (née Daniels) and Malcolm, a daughter, Alice Eleanor.

WARNER - On May 16th, to Penelope and Philip, a daughter Katherine.

WHITEHAIR - On May 19th 1987, at Colchester Maternity Hospital, to Elisabeth (née Dalton) and Russell, a son, William James Russell.

DEATHS

AKEHURST - On May 17th, in the Royal Marsden Hospital, after a long illness, Arthur Frederick. Much loved husband of Judy, father of Sally and Nicola and brother of Kathie. Funeral service at Ringmer Parish Church, Sussex, on Wednesday May 27th at 11.15am. Flowers to R.A. Brooks & Sons, Haywards Heath Tel: 0444 454391.

BELL - On April 27th 1987, suddenly in Saudi Arabia, Douglas Bell aged 56, beloved husband of Margaret, devoted father of Michael. Funeral at Mayfield Crematorium 12.00 noon on 21st May.

BIRD - On May 18th, peacefully at home, Hugh Reginald Charles Bird, T.D. aged 74, much loved and loving husband of Mary. Father of Susan, William and Jane. Cremation Private Thanksgiving Service at St Peter's Church, Old Woking on June 1st at 11.30am.

CASEY - On May 18th, peacefully at home, Elinor Jane, wife of Michael and mother of Annabel, William, Angela and Edward. Funeral service at Peppard Church, 1.30pm Friday 22nd May, followed by private cremation. No flowers please, donations to Cancer Research.

CORMAN Molly. Peacefully on Tuesday May 19th. Beloved mother of Charles and Ruth (Morris). Prayers at 90 North Gate, Prince Albert Road, NW8

CROFTON - On May 15th, suddenly in a car accident, Sir Patrick Simon Hugh Crofton, son of Mrs. Rosalie Vigor. Funeral arrangements to be announced. Enquiries please to J.H Kenyon, 12 Chiltern Street, London W1. Tel: 01 935 3728.

DENMAN - On May 19th, peacefully at Highden, Sheila, wife of Charles. Funeral at St. Mary's, Washington, Sussex at noon on Saturday May 23rd. Donations, if wished, to National Society for Cancer Relief, 15/19 Britten Street, SW3.

DePREE - On May 15th 1987, Joanna Mary, aged 33, instantly in a motor car accident at Condette, France, together with her fiancé. Beloved and loving eldest daughter of Val and Pam Hermon, Inverloddon Cottage, Wargrave and dearly loved sister of Virginia, Victoria and Louisa. They will be so sadly missed. All funeral enquiries and flowers to Easterling, Wargrave (2301) or donations to the Injured Jockey Fund, Welwyn, Herts which would have been their wish.

ERITH - On May 19th, after a short illness, Pamela Dorothy, aged 77. Widow of Raymond Erith, R.A., much loved mother and grandmother. Funeral at St.Mary's Church, Dedham on Wednesday May 27th at 2.30pm.

FOULKES - On May 18th 1987, Elizabeth Anne, much loved mother of Jolyon and Kirsten and wife and best friend of Martin. Funeral service at Guildford Crematorium at 2.00pm Wednesday 27th May. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to The Samaritans, Guildford Branch, 69 Woodbridge Rd, Guildford.

GRAY - On May 14th 1987, at The Little House, Lymington, Hampshire, Anne, wife of the late Lt. Col. Gerald Gray, Skinner's Horse, mother of the late Major James Gray, Durham Light Infantry. Funeral took place on Wednesday 20th May 1987.

GUNN - On Tuesday May 19th, Peter Hugh Percival, (A.R.I.C.S), peacefully at his home, beloved by his wife Vicky and children, Emma, Michael and William. Only son of the late Major A.T.Gunn (R.M) and Mrs. Marion Gunn. Captain R.M. (Ret'd) formerly Chief Quantity Surveyor of New Forest District. Funeral Service at All Saints Church, Tarrant, Monkton, Dorset. Wednesday May 27th at 2.30pm. Enquiries to Nicholas O'Hara Funeral Directors, Wimborne. Tel: (0202) 882134.

HARRISON - On May 18th 1987, Jonathan Frank, much loved son of Sylvia, brother of Thomas and Phillippa. He will be sadly missed by his friends and relatives in England and his many friends in France. Funeral 3.30pm Friday 22nd. St Faiths Crematorium, Horsford, Norfolk.

HEKELER - On Wednesday May 20th, Salvi, aged 87 years, after a fall in her own home in Cambridge, much loved mother of Jon and Patrick Bateson. Funeral at the Cambridge Crematorium on Thursday May 28th at 4.00pm.

HENDERSON - On Saturday May 16th 1987, Donald Anthony, aged 62 years, of Ramsons Avenue, Milton Keynes. The Funeral service will take place at Crownhill Crematorium, Milton Keynes on Friday 22nd May at 12.00 noon. Flowers and enquiries to H.W Mason & Sons, 9 High street, Newport Pagnell, Bucks. Tel: 0908 611112.

MUTTON - On May 19th, 1987, peacefully at home in Edgeasten, Anne Margaret, aged 59 years, formerly Registrar at the University of Birmingham, the beloved wife of Brian Hutton. Service at Lodge Hill Crematorium on Wednesday May 27th at 12.30 p.m. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to the Worcestershire Nature Conservation Trust, Hanbury Road, Droitwich, Worcs. WR9 7DU

LEEKENWOOD - On May 17th 1987, in hospital in Eastbourne, John in his 87th year, a loving inspiration to his family and friends. Funeral private, commemoration to be announced later.

OLIVER - On May 19th 1987, suddenly, Colin Henry (late of Bircham and Co), aged 70, deeply loved by his family and many friends. A Funeral Service will be held at Christ Church, Copse Hill, Wimbledon on Thursday May 28th at 2pm.

RICHTER - On May 16th 1987, suddenly at home, Alan Joseph aged 61 years, much loved husband, father and grandfather. Funeral at St Peter's, Newenden, 2.15pm Tuesday May 26th 1987.

SIDE - On May 16th, in Wardington House Nursing Home, near Banbury Oxon. Malvin Side (née Isaacs) formerly of Hampstead London aged 89 years. Funeral service at Oxford crematorium on Tuesday May 26th at 2.15pm. Flowers c/o J. and M. Humphris, Albert Street, Banbury, Oxon, or donations if preferred to C.N.D or Anti Apartheid.

VERNON-SMITH - On April 1st 1987, peacefully in Millbrook, New York, USA, Marjorie Ethel.

WELFORD - On May 18th, peacefully Gwenwyd, widow of Hylton Welford, beloved mother of Martin and of Pauline Curle. Cremation at Darlington on Friday May 22nd 2.30pm. No flowers please, but donations to World Wildlife Fund.

WILLIAMS-OLSSON - On May 18th, peacefully in hospital, Halvor, much loved husband of Barbara and stepfather of Nick. Funeral service at St Luke's, Redcliffe Square, on Thursday May 28th at 2.00pm. Followed by private cremation. Flowers if desired to W H Buckle & Sons, 246 Fulham Road, London, SW10.

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CLARKSON WEBB - Nigel James. A memorial service will be held on 1st June 1987 at 2.45pm in the Parish Church, Kendal, Cumbria.

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BOOKING KEY
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THEATRE

LONDON

☆ **AN INSPECTOR CALLS:** Tom Baker and Pauline Jameson in Priestley's evergreen about guilts among the gentry.
Westminster Theatre, Palace Street, SW1 (01-834 0283). Tube: Victoria. Tues-Fri 7.45-10.15pm, Sat 8.15-10.45pm, mats Wed & Thurs 2.30-5pm, Sat 5-7.30pm, £5-£11.50.

☆ **FAIR MAID OF THE WEST:** On its successful transfer from Stratford, Imelda Staunton plays the adventurous barmaid, Bess Bridges, in Thomas Heywood's entertaining play, directed by Trevor Nunn.
Mermaid Theatre, Puddle Dock, EC4 (01-236 5568). Tube: Blackfriars. Mon-Sat 7.30-10.30pm, £6.50-£12.50, mats Thurs and Sat 2-5pm, £4.50-£10.50.

★ **THE HOUSE OF BERNARDA ALBA:** Glenda Jackson and Joan Plowright in Lorca's grim drama of female sexual frustration. A soft centre weakens the impact.
Globe Theatre, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (01-437 3667, cc 01-741 9999). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Mon-Fri 8-10.10pm, Sat 8.30-10.40pm, matinée Sat 5-7.10pm, £6-£14.50.

☆ **MUMBO JUMBO:** Mobil award winner about love awakening in a Belfast school.
Lyric Theatre, King Street, W6 (01-741 2311). Tube: Hammersmith. Previews Tues to Thur 7.45-10.15pm. Mat Wed 2.30-5pm. May 18 onwards: Mon to Sat 7.45-10.15pm, Mats Wed 2.30-5pm, Sat 4-6.30pm. £5-£10.

☆ **PEOPLE SHOW No 92: WHISTLE STOP:** The company climb onto the Choo-Choo for Chattanooga and take along every film train song plus Trotsky's murderer with ice-pick, jazz and a whole lot more. Irresistible.
Bush Theatre, Shepherds Bush Green, London W12 (01-743 3388). Tube: Shepherds Bush/Goldhawk Road. Tues-Sun 8-9.30pm. £3-£4.50 & membership 50p or Hammersmith/Fulham library card.

☆ **A SMALL FAMILY BUSINESS:** New Alan Ayckbourn comedy: is honesty the commercially best policy?
National Theatre (Olivier), South Bank, SE1 (01-928 2252) Tube: Waterloo. 7.15pm, £8-£13. Previews Thur-Sat 7.15pm, mat Sat 2pm. Following week: Previews Mon-Wed 7.15pm, Previews and Mats £5.50-£9, then eves £8-£13.

☆ **WOMAN IN MIND:** Poignant Ayckbourn drama with Pauline Collins as a wife at her wits' end.
Vaudeville Theatre, Strand, WC2 (01-836 9987, cc 01-240 7200). Tube: Charing Cross. Mon-Fri 8-10.15pm, Sat 8.30-10.45pm, matinée Wed 2.30-4.45pm, Sat 5-7.15pm, £5-£12.50.

LONG RUNNERS: ☆ **The Business of Murder:** Mayfair Theatre (01-629 3036) . . . ★ **Cats:** New London Theatre (01-405 0072, cc 01-404 4079) . . . ★ **Chess:** Prince Edward Theatre (01-734 8951) . . . ★ **42nd Street:** Drury Lane Theatre Royal (01-836 8108/9/0 or 01-240 9066/7) . . . ★ **Me and My Girl:** Adelphi Theatre (01-836 7611/7358 and 01-240 7913/4) . . . ★ **Les Misérables:** Palace Theatre (01-434 0909) . . . ☆ **The Mousetrap:** St Martin's Theatre (01-836 1443, cc 01-379 6433) . . . ☆ **No Sex, Please, We're British:** Duchess Theatre (01-836 8243) . . . ★ **Phantom of the Opera:** Sold out until October. Her Majesty's Theatre (01-839 2244, cc 01-379 6131, 01-240 7200) . . . ★ **Run for your Wife:** Criterion Theatre (01-930 3216, cc 01-379 6565) . . . ★ **Starlight Express:** Apollo Victoria Theatre (01-828 8665, cc 01-630 6262) . . . ☆ **Stepping Out:** Duke of York's Theatre (01-836 5122, cc 01-836 9837) . . . ★ **Time:** Dominion Theatre (01-580 9845, cc 01-836 2428).

OUT OF TOWN

BIRMINGHAM: ☆ **The Golden Years Of Jack Buchanan:** Peter Woodward stars in his own musical tribute to the 1930s charmer.
Repertory Theatre, Broad Street (021-236 4455), 7.30pm, £3.90-£6.90.

DERBY: ☆ **My Dad's a Hero:** Premiere of Christopher Denys's play about a soldier returning from World War Two.
Playhouse Theatre, Eagle Centre (0332 363275). Mon-Sat 7.30pm, £2.50.

LIVERPOOL: ☆ **The Ruling Class:** Peter Barnes's black comedy blends together the House Of Lords, madness, God and Jack the Ripper.
Playhouse Theatre, Williamson Square (051 709 8363). Mon-Fri 7.30-10.15pm, Sat 8-10.45pm, £3-£5.50.

MANCHESTER: ☆ **Oedipus:** David Threlfall in a double bill of two *Oedipus* plays.
Royal Exchange Theatre, Cross Street, (061-833 9833), Mon-Sat 7pm, mat Sat 2.00pm, £2.50-£8.50.

SOUTHAMPTON: ☆ **NOT ABOUT HEROES:** Stephen McDonald's resonant account of the meeting of the Great War Poets, Siegfried Sassoon and Wilfred Owen.
Nuffield Centre, University Road, (0703 555028). Tues, Wed, Thurs 7.30pm, £3.70-£5, Fri and Sat 8pm, £4.20-£5.70.

STRATFORD: ☆ **Titus Andronicus:** aka People Pie, Shakespeare's bloodiest play.
Swan Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon (0789 295623), Mon-Fri 7.30pm, matinée Thurs and Sat 1.30pm, £7.50-£13.

WATFORD: ☆ **A Thousand Clowns:** Touching comedy involving Michael J Shannon's out-of-work scriptwriter, 12-year-old nephew and Chuckles the cheerful chipmunk.
Palace Theatre, Clarendon Road, Watford (0923 25671). Mon-Thurs 7.45pm, Fri and Sat 8pm. Mon-Thurs £5.25-£6.50, Fri and Sat £6.25-£7.50.

TOP CLASSICAL COMPACT DISCS

1	(1)	**Holst: The Planets,** BPO/Karajan	Deutsche Grammophon
2	(9)	**Saint-Saëns: Symphony 3,**	Gallería/DG
3	(2)	**Holst: The Planets,** MSO/Dutoit	Decca
4	(4)	**Holst: The Planets,** VPO/Karajan	Ovation/Decca
5	(8)	**Elgar: Cello Concerto,** Lloyd Webber/RPO/Menuhin	Philips
6	(14)	**Rachmaninov: Piano Concerto 2,** Ashkenazy/LSO/Previn	Ovation/Decca
7	(7)	**Strauss: An Evening of Strauss,** LSO/Geordiadis	IPM Classics
8	(16)	**Mozart: Symphony 40 & 41,** Abbado/LSO	Gallería/DG
9	(10)	**Elgar: Pomp and Circumstances Marches,** LSO/CSO/Solti	Ovation/Decca
10	(15)	**Beethoven: Symphony 6,** BPO/Karajan	Gallería/DG
11	(18)	**Dvořák: Slavonic Dances,** BRSO/Kubelik	Gallería/DG
12	(3)	**Beethoven: Symphony 9,** BPO/Karajan	DG
13	(11)	**Vivaldi: The Four Seasons,** SCO/Laredo	IPM Classics
14	(20)	**Beethoven: Symphony 3,** BPO/Karajan	Gallería/DG
15	(-)	**Dvorak: New World Symphony,** CGB/LSO/Davis	Philips Silver Line
16	(-)	**Beethoven: Emperor Concerto,** Brendel/LPO/Haitink	Philips Silver Line
17	(-)	**Beethoven: Symphony 5 & 6,** BPO/Karajan	DG
18	(-)	**Mozart: Eine Kleine Nachtmusik,** VPO/BPO/Böhm	Gallería/DG
19	(-)	**Dvorak: New World Symphony,** LSO/Tuckwell	IPM Classics
20	(-)	**Bach: Brandenburg Concertos 1, 2 & 3,** ECO/Leppard	Philips Silver Line

Source: Music Week Research

FILMS

■ **Also on national release**
☆ **Advance booking possible**

■ **CHILDREN OF A LESSER GOD (15):** Polished version of the Broadway play, with William Hurt as the teacher of deaf adolescents emotionally involved with a former pupil (Marlee Matlin) (113 min).
☆ **Empire Leicester Square** (01-200 0200). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30. 15.
☆ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636, cc 01-373 8990). Progs 2.00, 6.00, 9.00.

■ **CROCODILE DUNDEE (15):** Australia's smash hit, with TV comic Paul Hogan as a crocodile hunter bemused by New York's urban jungle. (98 min).
Cannon Royal (01-930 6915). Progs 2.00, 4.10, 6.20, 8.30.
☆ **Plaza Lower Regent Street** (01-437 1234). Progs 1.00, 3.15, 5.45, 8.15.

DEATH OF A SOLDIER (18): The true story of a psychopathic US soldier hanged for killing three Melbourne women in 1942. With James Coburn as the American major on the murderer's trail. Directed by Philippe Mora (93 min).
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 2.00 (not Sun), 4.10, 6.20, 8.35.

THE GOOD FIGHT (PG): A straightforward documentary about American participation in the Spanish Civil War, mixing archive footage and interview material with survivors of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade. Narrated by Studs Terkel (80 min).
☆ **Rio Cinema** (01-254 6677). Progs 4.15 (Sun only), 6.45.

JUMPIN' JACK FLASH (15): Whoopi Goldberg takes on the CIA and MI5 in this funky comedy directed by Penny Marshall (105 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 2.25, 5.45, 8.15.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 1.25, 3.45, 6.05, 8.30.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.45, 4.00, 6.15, 8.30.
☆ **Odeon Kensington** (01-602 6644). Progs 2.50, 5.05, 8.25.
Odeon Marble Arch (01-723 2011). Progs 1.15, 3.35, 5.55, 8.15.

NO MERCY (18): Richard Gere as an undercover cop following a colourful trail through New Orleans and the Louisiana swamps. Richard Pearce directs. (108 min).
Cannon Bayswater (01-229 4149). Progs 2.30, 5.15, 8.00.
Cannon Edgware Road (01-723 5901). Progs 1.40, 3.55, 6.10, 8.30.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.35, 3.50, 6.05, 8.25.
☆ **Warner West End** (01-439-0791). Progs 1.45, 4.00, 6.20, 8.35.

PRICK UP YOUR EARS (18): Joe Orton's life, loves and times. Strong performances from Gary Oldman and Alfred Molina as the playwright and lover locked into a destructive relationship (110 mins).
Curzon West End (01-439 4805). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.15, 8.45.

WORKING GIRLS (18): Documentary-style treatment of New York's middle-class prostitutes, coolly observed by feminist director Lizzie Borden. With Louise Smith (90 min).
☆ **Cannon Piccadilly** (01-437 3561). Progs 2.40, 4.40, 6.40, 8.40.

CONCERTS

LUNCHTIME

☆ **DORIAN WIND:** Ibert's *Trois pièces brèves*. Ligeti's *Bagatelles*, a quartet by Berger and a quintet by Rocha are played by the Dorian Wind Quintet.
St George's, Brandon Hill, Bristol (0272 230359), 1-2pm, £2.

EVENING

☆ **ECHOING LE CORBUSIER:** Music Projects/London continues the "Echoes of Le Corbusier" series with Xenakis's *Anaktoria* and *Palimpsest*, Stockhausen's classic *Kontrapunkte*.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 6pm, £3.

☆ **RUSSIAN EVENING:** Vernon Handley conducts the RPO in Borodin's Prince Igor Overture, Rachmaninov's Paganini Rhapsody and Stravinsky's *Petroushka*.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.30pm, £3.50-£14.

☆ **HANDEL ANTHEMS:** The Choir of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, sings three Handel coronation anthems.
St John's, Smith Square London SW1 (01-222 1061), 7.30pm, £4-£8.

☆ **NIPPONESE POOL:** Some rather unusual items are programmed by the Japanese Music Pool ensemble, including Yuasa's *Domain*, Matsuchita's Three Movements, Hirose's *Asura*, Fukushima's *Sui-en*, etc.
Purcell Room, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 3191, cc 01-928 8800), 7.30pm, £3 and £4.

☆ **NALLEN/COPLEY:** Evelyn Nallen, recorder, Michael Copley, recorder, and others play music by Telemann, Oswald, Fasch, Boddecker and others.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore Street, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £2-£5.

☆ **COLOUR PLUS TIME:** Kicking off a series called "Music in Colour and time," the Lontano ensemble performs Torke's *Yellow Pages*, Kraft's *Gallery 4-5*, Montague's *Paramell VI* and Messiaen's *Quatuor pour la fin du temps*.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, 7.45pm, £3.50 and £4.50.

OPERA

☆ **BILLY BUDD:** High expectations for the new production by Graham Vick of Britten's Melville opera. Conducted by John Mauceri, with Mark Tinkler in the title role, Philip Langridge as Captain Vere, and John Tomlinson as Claggart.
Theatre Royal, Glasgow (041-331 1234), 7.15-10.30pm, £3-£19.

☆ **DON GIOVANNI:** A production with "authentic" costumes and instruments at the start of a short but most welcome visit to the Brighton Festival of Sweden's Drottningholm Court Theatre.
Theatre Royal, Brighton (0273 28488), 7.30-11pm, £4-£25.

☆ **IL SERAGLIO:** Graham Vick's highly acclaimed Mozart production, sung in English by a cast including Sally Wolf, Laurence Dale and Elizabeth Gale. Not to be missed.
Palace Theatre, Manchester (061-236 9922), 7.15-10.15pm, £4-£16.50.

★ **CARMEN:** The controversial Lucien Pintilie production for Welsh National Opera, now with Anne Williams-King in the title role and Andrew Greenwood conducting.
New Theatre, Cardiff (0222 394844). 7.15-10.30pm. £5-£18.



The output of the American landscape photographer Ansel Adams was prodigious. During his lifetime he made more than 40,000 negatives and over 10,000 fine art prints. His 30 books have sold over one million copies to date while his most famous landscape photograph, "Moonrise, Hernandez 1941", shot almost on the hoof as he drove along the highway to Sante Fe, achieved a record price at auction in 1981 when a mural sized print, sold by Adams a decade earlier for $500, went for $71,000. His photographs are not merely well-seen landscapes bathed in a serene light; rather they are portraits of mountains and lakes, trees and skies, full of an epic, monumental grandeur. Mount Williamson, above, is one of many photographs taken by Adams at one of his favourite locations, California's Sierra Nevada, to which he returned on many occasions. Wild and untamed, we see through Adams that the landscape is in fact subject to the same natural laws that govern us all. This exhibition, of 136 prints made by Adams toward the end of his life, is the first European memorial exhibition since the photographer's death in 1984. Ansel Adams's *Memorial Exhibition* is at the Barbican Art Gallery, Barbican Centre, London EC2 (01-638 4141), from today until July 19.
Michael Young

ROCK

☆ **THE PRETENDERS:** Chrissie Hynde is the sole original member, but they still have that jingle-jangle guitar sound and a stack of great songs from which to choose.
Wembley Arena, Empire Way, Middlesex (01-902 1234) 7.30pm, £7-£8, for two nights.

☆ **TED HAWKINS:** The gravel-voiced ex-busker from LA was last year's discovery, but shows no sign of disappearing now that the media adulation has quietened down.
Shaw Theatre, 100 Euston Road, London NW1 (01-388 1394) 8pm, £7, for three nights.

☆ **THAT PETROL EMOTION:** The band from Londonderry, including two ex-Undertones, creates a frantically driven guitar-based sound, heard to good effect on their new album *Babble*.
Basins, 78 The Tricorn, Portsmouth (0705 824728), 9pm, £3-£3.50.

☆ **TOM JONES:** What a return the Welsh boyo has made after so long missing in action, presumed in Las Vegas.
Brighton Centre, Kings Road (0273 202881), 8.30pm, £9-£15.

☆ **RICHARD THOMPSON:** Just the genius and his guitar, performing a variety of material, including traditional English and Scottish instrumental pieces, and rearranged songs from recent albums.
Bloomsbury Theatre, 15 Gordon Street, London WC1 (01-387 9629) 7.30pm, £6.

GALLERIES

A PARADISE LOST: An important show featuring the so-called Neo-Romantics of the 1940s and 50s, including John Minton, Cecil Collins, and John Craxton, who remained aloof from internationalism in art.
Barbican Art Gallery, Barbican Centre, Barbican, London, EC2 (01-638 4141). Tues-Sat 10-6.45pm, Sun 12-5.45pm, £2.50, until July 19.

PARMIGIANINO (1503-1540): Paintings, drawings, and prints by the short-lived Italian Mannerist, on show while the gallery's impressionist pictures are touring America.
Courtauld Institute Galleries, Woburn Square, London WC1 (01-580 1015), Mon-Sat 10-5pm, Sun 2-5pm, £1.50, until July 12.

PAINTERS AND THE DERBY CHINA WORKS 1785-1848: This show focuses on floral painters like William Pegg who spent their lives designing and painting porcelain.
Victoria and Albert Museum, Exhibition Road, London SW7 (01-589 6371), Mon-Sat 10-5.50pm, Sun 2.30-5.50pm (closed Fridays), free, until June 21.

GEORGE WYLLIE: As part of Television South West's national sculpture project, this sculptor has suspended a steam engine made of straw from a Clydeside crane.
Finnieston Crane, Scottish Exhibition Centre, Glasgow (041-332 7521), until mid-June.

WILLIAM SCOTT: See caption.
Gimpel Fils Gallery, 30 Davies Street, London W1 (01-493 2488). Mon-Fri 9.30am-5.30pm, Sat 10am-1pm, free.



The paintings of William Scott (b 1913), though almost totally abstract and without social comment, are firmly based on his experience of childhood hardship, first in Greenock, where he was born, and later in Enniskillen. Their simple, spartan forms are based on domestic objects – cups, bottles, pans and bowls. As Scott once explained: "I was brought up in a grey world, an austere world, and we had no fine furniture. The objects I painted were the symbols of the life I knew best." A new exhibition (details above) features pictures from the last 30 years.

VERONICA RYAN: Voluptuous sculptures based on floral and organic forms by a gifted young artist.
Wolverhampton Art Gallery, Lichfield Street, Wolverhampton (0902 321032), Mon-Sat 10-6pm, free, until May 30.

LONDONERS: An entertaining, educational exhibition about the capital's citizens from the Middle Ages onwards, as seen in manuscripts, prints, and paintings.
Museum of London, London Wall, London EC2 (01-600 3699). Tues-Sat 10-6pm, Sun 2-6pm, free, until August 2.

JAZZ

☆ **ALAN SKIDMORE:** The trumpeter Guy Barker and an Irish rhythm team – Ronan Guilfoyle (bass guitar) and Stephen Keogh (drums) – join the gifted tenor saxophonist.
Southport Arts Centre (0704 40011), 8pm, £3.

☆ **LAWSON/CASEY:** Trumpeter Yank Lawson and guitarist Al Casey host a mainstream jam session featuring such British notables as Johnny Barnes and Colin Purbrook.
Farmers' Club, Cambridge (0223 62066), 7pm, £7.50.

☆ **CEDAR WALTON TRIO:** Stylistically located somewhere between Herbie Hancock and Bill Evans, pianist Walton almost always produces music of grace and wit.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith Street, London W1 (01-439 0747), 9.30pm, £8 (members £2).

DANCE

☆ **WEIGHING THE HEART:** Premiere by Ian Spink for Second Stride, with live music by Man Jumping.
Gardner Centre, University of Sussex, Falmer (Brighton Festival, 0273 674357), 7.30-8.30pm, £3-£5.

☆ **QUINTETS:** Premiere by Peter Darrell for Scottish Ballet, with *Vespri* and *Napoli*, Act III.
Perth Repertory Theatre, High Street, Perth (0738 21031).

☆ **DANCING DAY:** Revival for Ballet Rambert as part of a Christopher Bruce programme with *Ceremonies* and *Night With Waning Moon*.
Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Avenue, London EC1 (01-278 8916), 7.30-10pm, £2.50-£10.50.

☆ **ABORIGINE DANCES:** By Bararroga Mimi Dancers from Australia.
New Theatre Royal, Guildhall Walk, Portsmouth (Portsmouth Festival, 0705 824355), 7.30pm, £4.

WALKS

THE FAMOUS SQUARE MILE – 2000 YEARS OF HISTORY: meet St Paul's tube, 11am, £2.25.

1880s EAST END MURDERS – JACK THE RIPPER: meet Tower Hill tube, 2pm, £2.25.

DR JOHNSON'S LONDON: meet Museum of London, 11.15am, £2.75.

COCKNEY LONDON – THE EASTENDERS: meet Aldgate tube, 2.30pm, £2.75.

A GHOST WALK – THE HAUNTED CITY: meet St Paul's tube, 7.30pm, £2.25.

TALKS

IS PEACE IMPOSSIBLE?: Lecture by Gerald Priestland, author and broadcaster.
Westgate End Methodist Church, Lawefield Lane, Wakefield, 7.30pm, free.

AN INTRODUCTION TO MACKINTOSH'S VIENNESE CONTEMPORARIES (WAGNER, HOFFMAN & OLBRICH): Lecture by Dr Hazel Conway, principal lecturer in History of Architecture and Design, School of Art History, Leicester Polytechnic.
The Architectural Association, 36 Bedford Square, London, 6.30-9pm, free.

OTHER EVENTS

DEVON COUNTY SHOW: One of the biggest and best agriculture shows in the West with livestock, trade stands, events and refreshments.
County Show Ground, Exhibition Way, Whipton, Exeter, Devon (0392 217 888). Today until May 23, 8.30am-8pm, adult £2, child £1.

MIND/BODY/SPIRIT FESTIVAL: Over 100 exhibits relating to alternative medicine, healing, ecology, spirituality and personal growth.
Royal Horticultural Society Halls, Vincent Square and Greycoat Street, London SW1 (01-834 4333), today and tomorrow 11am-9pm, Sat-Mon 11am-7pm, adult £3, child £1.

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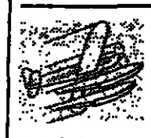
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THE ARTS

Hail, oh sailor

There is something deeply primitive about the appeal of *In at the Deep End*, the BBC documentary series in which those clean-limbed heroes, Chris Serle and Paul Heiney, extrovert and introvert, opposing halves of our collective alter ego, embark on some daft or dangerous enterprise with a Peeping Tom film crew jogging behind. The appeal is

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two-faced: will our hero, a downy-chinned novice thrown to professional wolves, delight us by suddenly mastering some intricate or perilous art? Or will he please us even more with the cruel comedy of his outrageous failure?

The point at which licensed innocent becomes sacrificial victim is extremely difficult to predict, but Nick Handel, the producer of the series, navigates these hazardous waters with a fine balance of flair and judgement. His formula is foolproof: the display of virtuoso skills and our man's laughable first attempts at emulation, the metamorphosis of class dunce into star pupil, and the nerve-jangling suspense of the final trial by ordeal.

Last night's programme, the first of a new series, was a *Chums Annual* fantasy come grittily alive. Devout landlubber Chris Serle spent six months before the mast training for that toughest of ocean water races, the Fastnet, not just as a crew member but as skipper of a yacht. The new boy was given a turbulent baptism — mountainous seas and screaming gales that crippled half the fleet on the first day. Serle and his crew were among the last to retire, primarily defeated by exhaustion, but it was a terrific performance, especially by their skipper. And someone should strike a medal for director Terence O'Reilly and his cameraman and recordist, there as unseen riders of the storm, who brought the real prize, a true adventure story, safely back home.

Michael Dean

And baby makes four

CINEMA

Three Men and a Cradle (PG)
Odeon Kensington, Screen Baker Street
Bloom (PG)
Cannon Tottenham Court Road, Screen Baker Street
Best Shot (PG)
Cannon Oxford Street
Mannequin (PG)
Cannon Haymarket
Foreign Body (15)
Cannon Haymarket



Three men in the same boat: from left, Roland Giraud, Michel Boujenah, André Dussollier

At the heart of *Three Men and a Cradle* — a big success in France — lies a simple comic formula. Take three bachelors (Parisians to boot) and force them to mind a baby girl: not for just an hour, but for months. Coline Serreau, the writer-director, complicates her plot with a package of drugs, hidden from bungling police in the baby's voluminous nappy, but this proves a fleeting distraction from the main business: bottle-feeding, nappy-changing, teething pains, lullabies, and the effect of sudden fatherhood on relationships and work.

This may seem slim fare for a running time of 107 minutes, and the film's appeal does tend to wane after a while. But the performances always keep us alert. Michel Boujenah in particular catches the right mixture of tenderness and frustration as the roly-poly bachelor caught between his assertive room-mates (André Dussollier and Roland Giraud); while the baby herself, played at different ages by two burbling troupers, is a joy to behold. The film's photographer, Jean-Yves Escoffier, also works overtime maintaining visual interest in the apartment set, using gentle, diffused lighting.

The film is currently being remade for American consumption, with Tom Selleck, Steve Guttenberg and Ted Danson as the bachelor boys and Leonard Nimoy, of all people, as the director: better by far to wade through subtitles and see the original.

"I wrote the script," says Eugene Corr, director of the admirable *Desert Bloom*, "to find hope in what might first appear to be a hopeless situation." The subject-matter, indeed, holds huge possibilities for gloom and doom. The time and place is Las Vegas in December 1950, when the first peacetime atomic test is about to erupt in the desert nearby; the central relationship involves a sensitive 13-year-old beating her wings against a battle-scarred, drunken stepfather. There is nothing like a mushroom cloud for stimulating crass symbolism and shallow thinking in a film-maker, yet Eugene Corr, in his feature debut, avoids all the traps: the domestic and nuclear cataclysms simply rub shoulders in a script remarkable for its quiet dexterity and underlying optimism about the human capacity for survival.

The least satisfactory element in the densely-knit, quirky family drama is stepfather Jack: neurotic war veterans are a dime a dozen in cinemas, and Jon Voight's wild-eyed misfit fills the bill too neatly. Other characters, however, emerge fresh and gleaming, particularly Annabeth Gish's bright, tender heroine, awkwardly feeling her way into a strange adult world. But the final bouquet belongs to Eugene Corr, in his first feature after documentaries and script work, he has created a thoughtful film with a graceful look and shape.

British distributors traditionally fight shy of peculiarly American titles. *Hoosiers* consequently arrives masquerading as **Best Shot** — a colourless tag, though it suits a film with one basketball game after another. We are in a small Indiana town in 1951, where high-school basketball is the only activity apart from farming and posing against the landscape. Enter Gene Hackman, the mysterious outsider, determined to mould the ragtag team into a fighting force. "I hate to tell you this, but it's only a game," says his fellow teacher Barbara Hershey. Not so, of course: writer Angelo Pizzo strives for serious thoughts about personal redemption and conquering problems. Hackman, for instance, goes out of his way to rehabilitate a former basketball star fallen on hard booze, played in a mood of subdued anguish by Dennis Hopper.

The film's chief flaw is its predictability. Town distrust of the newcomer, sparring with the heroine, the championship games, reflective moments in locker-rooms and fields: everything happens exactly on schedule, cued to elbow-jogging music by Jerry Goldsmith. But at least Gene Hackman steers a quiet course through the script's hammer-blows. David Anspaugh directs anonymously — making his feature debut after well-received television work.

Comedy is the hardest genre of all in which to succeed, though that never stops ill-prepared people rushing into celluloid, expecting hilarity. Take Michael Gottlieb, an American commercials director now breaking into features. He professes a love of Hollywood's old madcap farces, but **Mannequin** — the tale of a likely lad in love with a store window dummy who springs to life — suggests he watched them with eyes and ears closed.

The week's second misbegotten comedy is **Foreign Body**, directed by the British veteran Ronald Neame, with Victor Banerjee plying his eager charm as an Indian immigrant who lands on his feet as a phoney Harley Street doctor. Neame has never been renowned for his funnybone, though there is little in the flaccid script to provide any stimulation. The result is a film with the oomph of a corpse.

Geoff Brown

Tonight Michael Gambon opens in another Alan Ayckbourn play at the National. Steve Grant asked him about his remarkably circular career

The singing philosopher

The last time I saw Michael Gambon was in February, just before the opening of *A View from the Bridge* at the Cottesloe. His normally imposing frame — 6ft tall, size 12 boots — seemed almost pudgy then, the gait more than usually shambolic, the white cotton shirt unbuttoned to the waist revealing a generous matting of grey body hair. Gambon is no method actor, but he has a habit of changing his dramatic skin with each shift in the environmental backcloth.

Now he looks somewhat sleeker and suaver in white denim casuals, like some off-duty businessman of the kind he plays in the third of his collaborations with Alan Ayckbourn at the National, *A Small Family Business*, which, pulled ligaments in the Gambon foot permitting, opens at the Olivier tonight. Gambon is Jack McCracken, a rather weak and shambling man who takes over a furniture company already oozing corruption and, despite the best of intentions, allows himself to grow as tainted as the characters that surround him. Gambon describes it as a "vast epic of a play", and just right for the Olivier, his favourite of the three National auditoriums.

Gambon, 47, is going through a career hiatus at present after his enormous popular success in Dennis Potter's *The Singing Detective*, for which he won the only BAFTA award to be allotted to the controversial series. He admits to sheer unadulterated amazement that the series was beaten by Fay Weldon's *Life and Loves of a She-Devil*, "which was a bloody adaptation of a novel anyway and not in the same league. There was this terrible hush when the Best Drama Series was announced: all we could do was get drunk."

He has won his fair share of awards: an Olivier for his performance in Ayckbourn's last big National hit, *A Chorus of Disapproval*, and a London Critics' Award for his performance in *Galileo*.

Sadly, references to *A Chorus of Disapproval* provoke an exchange on the recent death of Colin Blakely, who took over Gambon's role as a dementedly absent-minded Welsh drama teacher when the play transferred to the Apollo. The connection between the two goes back to the early sixties and Olivier's company at the Old Vic, for which Gambon, then a Camden Town engineering worker, auditioned with a disastrously accident-prone rendition of the opening soliloquy from *Richard III*.

Olivier could not believe his effrontery and ended up applying first aid to Gambon's bleeding finger after the nervous young thespian had caught his ring on a pillar.

His career, he admits, has been almost bizarrely circular. His apprenticeship at the Old Vic, where he shuffled along with the likes of Derek Jacobi, Anthony Hopkins and Robert Stephens, as well as Blakely, led to a spell with Birmingham Rep tackling big classical parts. Then there was the period playing "drips" in TV series of varying quality, and light comedy including Ayckbourn's *The Norman Conquests*. His first turning point, he says, was Peter Hall's decision to cast him in Pinter's *Betrayal* in 1976, a role which led to *Galileo*, and a season in Stratford for the RSC.

Gambon looks on his success philosophically. He unashamedly longs for big film and TV parts but has had to



Suave again: Michael Gambon

turn down several lucrative offers because of his commitment to the National. After the run with *View* he plays Vanya in Michael Blakemore's production of Chekhov for Michael Codron in the West End next April. There's also a TV version of *Ghosts* opposite Judi Dench, due to be shown on BBC this summer but recorded ages ago. "I suppose it's very grim to know what you're doing next year, but I'd like to get back into films and TV of course. You've got to exploit things while you can, and given the current climate at the BBC, I doubt if they'll be showing *The Singing Detective* again in a hurry."

Gambon muses that despite the numerous voice-overs he has done recently, he could well stomach an advert which allows him to utilize the Singing Detective persona. "Trouble is," he mutters, puffing on another Benson and Hedges, "they've banned cigarette ads on the telly and he'd be perfect for 'You're never alone with a Strand'. Remember that one?"

Steve Grant is assistant editor of Time Out

Bruce bows out

DANCE

Ballet Rambert
Sadlers Wells

The third of the three programmes for Ballet Rambert's season at Sadlers Wells consists of three ballets, all by Christopher Bruce, the first choreographer, I believe, to receive this honour since Antony Tudor. It is described in the programme as a way of thanking him for his long association with the company, successively as dancer, associate director and associate choreographer.

The programme shows both the consistency and the range of his work. Even at his most lyrical, as in the revival of *Dancing Day*, he maintains a strong emotional commitment, combining religious and erotic imagery to a selection of songs by Holst. That opens the bill, followed by *Ceremonies*, created last year for the Rambert Diamond Jubilee celebrations, and *Night With Waning Moon*, which dates from 1979 and was remounted recently on tour.

Those two both use a period setting (respectively Elizabethan times and the *commedia dell'arte*) to say something about universal human nature. Both combine comic and tragic elements and are concerned with sexuality half hidden behind elaborate manners. Yet for all their similarities, each makes its own dramatic world, so that there is no sense of sameness.

Bruce rarely tells a straightforward story in his ballets, preferring to let the mixture of music, movement and atmosphere convey its own implications for character and situation.

Dancing Day was first made in 1981 for students of the Ballet Rambert School, and the cast he has chosen for the new production includes two of the present students with four of the youngest members of the company; all are good. This summer, alas, Bruce will relinquish his formal connection with the company. It will be a sore loss if they do not cherish what he has given them and persuade him to return often for new creations.

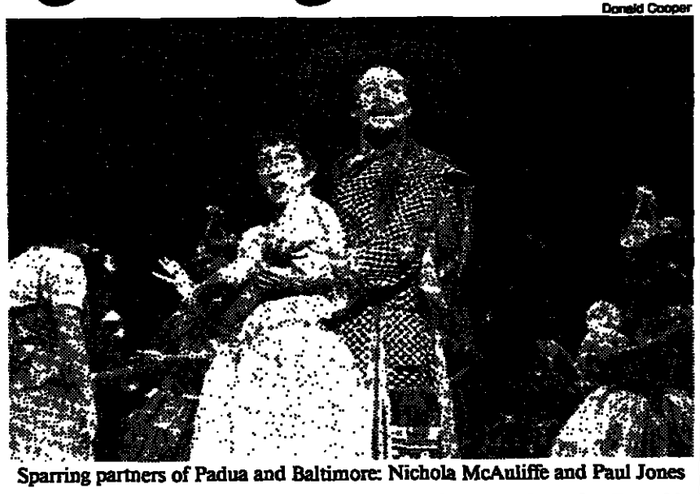
John Percival

Pretty lightweight Kate

THEATRE

Kiss Me Kate
Old Vic

Donald Cooper



Sparring partners of Padua and Baltimore: Nichola McAuliffe and Paul Jones

After a long tour following its Stratford première (where it was reviewed by Irving Wardle), this RSC production descends on London still lacking the power to build on the excitement generated by its better scenes.

Part of the fault lies in the tendency of the book, extracted by Sam and Bella Spewack from Shakespeare's *Skrew*, to follow some rousing number with the musical equivalent of "Another Part of the Field". The consequent escape of tension can be stayed only if the principals carry the weight that presumably their predecessors did on the Broadway of 1948.

The book's ingenious notion is to echo the on-stage struggle between Kate and Petruchio with the off-stage rows of the performers playing them on a Baltimore try-out. But the two levels of reality slot together only in the closing number of each act, and the events of the story are extraordinarily slight.

Two gangsters arrive to collect on Petruchio's gambling debt just as Kate is threatening to walk out. To keep her in the show long enough to accumulate sufficient box-office receipts, they follow her around off-stage Baltimore and on-stage Padua, two increasingly stage-struck hoods who eventually earn the right to a spot by themselves and give us the show-stopping "Brush Up Your Shakespeare".

Tim Flavin's energetic dancing and Fiona Hendley's sultry phrasing of one of Porter's "narrative" songs, "Why Can't You Behave", provide their isolated pleasures. More frequently, Nichola McAuliffe's Kate, dramatically raging or putting on the prima donna for "I Hate Men", contributes a reassuring sense of fun. Paul Jones plays the Petruchio character with gallantry but without the essential violence the part has to be given.

Liz da Costa's costumes, ingeniously decorated with scraps of old prints, look pretty against William Dudley's sets, of delicate vistas and barley-sugar columns. Adrian Noble's use of spots on a stage darkened for every intimate song gives the show a distinctly old-fashioned air.

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Don Giovanni
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The Drottningholm Court Opera was built in the 1760s but ceased to function in 1792, on the death of its patron, King Gustav III. Mozart's *Don Giovanni* received its premiere five years earlier, in Prague, but did not reach Drottningholm until modern times. The principle question about this production, reviewed from Drottningholm on this page last July and now temporarily transferred to the Brighton Festival, is whether a staging where the scenery is limited to a series of *trompe l'oeil* flats can cope with the effects demanded by one of the most sophisticated operas of a later era.

Some of the problems are obvious. At the end, for instance, the entrance to hell is rather absurdly made through the rising back wall of Don Giovanni's dining room.

Too often one feels that Göran Järvefelt comes up with the standard production solutions, turning the whole evening into a ritual of cardboard cut-outs instead of investing his characters with real life and significance.

The evenness, however, of the cast works distinctly in the production's favour. Don Giovanni himself is Magnus Linden, who perhaps lacks the final ounce of sparkling villainy, but who nevertheless projects suitably dashingly. In Petteri Salomaa the production has a rather taller Leporello than one usually visualizes, but his lankiness is turned neatly to comic advantage. The Commendatore, the rich-voiced Jerker Arvidson, had an imposing stature, while Masetto, the relatively diminutive Raimo Laukka, was in every way a match for his offended fellow conspirators. It is Stefan Dahlberg's Don Ottavio, however, who vocally impresses most with his clear, well-projected yet carefully scaled tenor.

On the female side the singing is equally eminently acceptable. Malvina Major's Donna Elvira has an aloof anger about her, while Donna Anna (Clarry Bartha) is more coquettishly susceptible, and Zerlina (Hillevi Martinpelto) yet more so. Arnold Östman conducts the Drottningholm Theatre Orchestra a touch blandly at times; the players have markedly less success than the singers in their struggles with the dry acoustics. Further performances tonight and tomorrow.

Stephen Pettitt

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South Africa bombs kill three white policemen

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg

Three white policemen were killed and at least 12 people injured yesterday when two massive explosions blasted the magistrates courts complex in central Johannesburg.

The blasts were the most fearsome terrorist attacks yet carried out in South Africa's biggest city.

A pregnant black woman outside the Johannesburg magistrates court building gave birth on the pavement after the explosions.

There were two blasts less than a minute apart just before lunchtime, as the complex was streaming with people and hundreds more were leaving offices of mining houses in Johannesburg's financial district.

Parts of a car involved in the explosions were found several blocks away.

Nearly a quarter of a mile away windows in John Vorster Square, the Johannesburg police headquarters, were shattered. A policeman said he thought the first explosion was a limpet mine and the second a car bomb.

There was chaos and confusion as the building was evacuated and police threw up barricades. They pounced on television crews and photographers and at least 11 newsmen, mostly from the foreign media, were herded off to police headquarters.

The television crews were released after being questioned for several hours and were told that their film would be returned to them in a day or so. They were also warned they could face prosecution for contravening the state of emergency regulations which forbid filming of security force activity.

One badly injured policeman with a huge gash in his left arm ran two blocks from the court building before he was held down by bystanders who treated his wound.

An eyewitness said: "It was terrible. There was a huge bang, I looked around and saw a woman flying through the air."

The blasts came only 12 hours after a limpet mine exploded in the shopping complex of the huge Carlton Centre in Johannesburg without causing casualties.

Last night Mr Adriaan Vlok, the Minister of Law and Order, described the court car bomb attacks as "cowardly acts of terror by the African National Congress".

● *PRETORIA:* Henry George Burt, aged 34, yesterday became the first white to be sentenced to death for the necklace murder of a black — killing his victim with a tyre filled with blazing petrol round his neck.

Burt, who claimed police had framed him, murdered a black police sergeant.

Ministers frisked on a return to Westminster

Cheers galore for animated slogan



Mr Michael Heseltine, the former Cabinet minister, and Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, being searched by police before entering Central Hall, Westminster yesterday (Photographs: Graham Wood).

"Do you believe in Britain?" asked the slogan of a Conservative brochure available at Central Office.

"Conservatives do it better" reads the slogan on the badge of the smart girl behind the desk at Smith Square.

"It's Great To Be Great Again" runs the slogan on the Conservative Party broadcast on television.

The candidates representing the part that supports our "proud nation of individuals" (another slogan from the television) gathered for a booster-meeting in the Central Hall, Westminster.

These proud individuals had subsumed their idiosyncracies with such vigour that they now possessed a unanimity of dress, attitudes, conversation and deportment, otherwise only visible at the stag nights before marriages conducted by Mr Sun Myung Moon.

A small group of prospective Conservative candidates spoke about the rigmarole of getting selected.

"Associations these days are after someone who won't be a wet" said one, "they want someone who will be tough on capital punishment, for instance."

He then remembered the presence of the journalist from *The Times*, and quickly added, "or soft on capital punishment or whatever the case might be."

Prospective candidates and Press crowded into the large library of Central Hall.

Above the stage ran another slogan: "The Next Moves Forward".

The empty stage resembled the set for *Call my Bluff* or a similar light-hearted quiz game.

"Do You Believe in Britain?" This was obviously the easy question to enable contestants to relax.

Would you please welcome, Mr John Biffen, Mr Paul Channon, Lord Young. As each minister's name was announced through a microphone by the faceless voice, on they would prance, some waving cheerily.

"And here is your host — Simon Dee!" one half expected the compere to announce.

But instead there was Mr Cranley Onslow, the red-faced chairman of the 1922 Committee. "Thank you for joining us!" chirruped Mr Onslow.

He then gave warm thanks to all those who did so much to set up the meeting.

Would he be thanking his director, his lighting man, and his dear old mum, to whom he owed everything?

Not when Mr Norman Tebbit was waiting to "give us a clue".

"One is tempted to use the phrase "a satisfactory position" said Mr Tebbit, a curious temptation, one would have thought in a man normally immune to all temptation. But I will not.

"Positive" was the word of the day. The manifesto was positive, the party was positive, the position was positive.

Mr Andrew Lloyd Webber had composed some positive campaign music, which could be heard on the positive video-manifesto. A round of applause for Andrew Lloyd Webber!

When Mr Tebbit sat down, one expected a dolly bird to strut on bearing an indoor barbeque set or a washable three piece suite, but instead: "Ladies and gentleman — the Prime Minister."

Everyone rose and clapped and cheered as this animated slogan bustled on. She exudes confidence. There is no chink in her aura through which the slightest glimmer of hesitation can appear. All is thrust and force and forward movement. Given Hamlet's speeches, she would cut out the doubts.

"To be: there is no question!" she would say, and the audience would applaud, finding this a much more heartening view of human life than the fiddle-faddle offered by William Shakespeare.

"People have asked us — and quite rightly — what are the next moves forward?

As she says the word "forward", she does one of her quick, jagged smiles, as if someone had only recently taught her how, but she is still not quite sure as to when.

"I'll do my bit and I know you'll do yours". The final slogan was greeted with a standing ovation.

And then Mrs Thatcher, positive and radiant, hurtled out through the audience, leaving her ministers clapping merrily behind her.

Craig Brown

Campaign sketch

Alliance attacks defence 'smear'

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somehow a unique Tory asset". Dr Owen said.

He said that the Alliance parties had given Mrs Thatcher unstinting support throughout the Falklands War and the miners' strike. But she had no generous impulse at all. "I don't think there is the slightest capacity to show that wider generosity that could bind the country together."

In a reply to Dr Owen, Mrs Thatcher said that there was no more important subject than defence.

"Your manifesto states that the SDP and Liberals would cancel Trident; that our present deterrent, Polaris, would be modernized as necessary until it could be negotiated away as part of a global arms negotiation process.

"Where there is no SDP-Liberal policy is on the question: What would replace Trident? This question cannot be avoided because time is running out. The Polaris force is ageing and cannot hope to do its job properly beyond the mid-1990s. That is why a decision had to be taken on Trident as far back as 1980 and why the work on it is far advanced.

"At the same time Soviet defensive capabilities are steadily increasing. Against this background, the effect of the dogmatic cancellation of Trident and studied vagueness about any replacement would soon be to leave us without any effective nuclear deterrent

"You say you would maintain a minimum deterrent until it can be negotiated away as part of the global arms reduction process. But you do not add that, under your arrangements, in a very short time it would have withered away, leaving no security and no bargaining card worth holding."

"There is only one reason why you are so vague on this crucial defence question. It arises from the need to present a semblance of unity between the SDP and the unilateralists of the Liberal Party."

Campaigning in Southampton, Dr Owen said the term fellow traveller was "a deep insult which says someone is accommodating the Soviet Union. It's to say you are effectively fellow-travelling with communism."

Tebbit's version of Labour manifesto

By Nicholas Wood
Political Reporter

Mr Norman Tebbit yesterday stepped up the Conservative attack on the "skinniness" of Labour's manifesto by releasing his own version of what might have been dropped during "final editing".

He listed nine areas ranging from the economy to local government where, he said, Labour's election programme is at odds with official party policy and other sources such as conference resolutions passed without the necessary two-thirds majority.

The Conservative Party chairman's carefully calculated intervention came after a series of assaults by leading Tory politicians on Labour's 17-page document, which is notably more succinct than its 1983 predecessor.

Mr Michael Heseltine, the former Cabinet minister, described it as "wall to wall whitewash" and he added: "Never has so much been hidden from so many by so few. The Labour manifesto is conspicuous for what it doesn't say. It's a substitution of public relations for public policy."

On housing, for instance, the manifesto promises that council tenants will retain the right to buy. But, according to Mr Tebbit, official policy was determined in the policy document *Homes for the Future*, published in 1985, which said: "In some areas . . . local authorities will be free to determine whether . . . council tenants should be able to buy their homes."

The same document gave local authorities "an automatic option to repurchase at market value any homes sold under the right to buy".

Labour's commitment to stop "the diverting of precious resources that occurs through the assisted places scheme and the public subsidies to private schools" is contrasted with a conference resolution passed in 1986, which called for the "planned public ownership of the private schools system".

The manifesto makes no mention of petrol taxes, but a transport policy paper *Fresh Directions*, published earlier this year, said road tax would be scrapped and the lost revenue recouped by increasing the pump price of fuel.

Under Labour's constitution, passage of a conference resolution means very little in itself. A two-thirds majority on a card vote is needed for it to become official party policy and even that merely qualifies it for consideration for inclusion in the manifesto.

The Queen in touch over Fiji events

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Cabinet made the latter impossible. After their release on Tuesday their advisory role was removed by Ratu Ganilau's decision to declare all posts vacant pending new elections.

The Queen cannot legally be advised by her British Ministers on Fijian matters, though Whitehall sources do not deny that Foreign Office experts have helped.

She is likely to have been advised of yesterday's developments immediately

Constitional experts expressed concern about the situation. The Governor General's success on Tuesday in ending the military coup appeared to be in danger of being undermined by the Great Council of Chiefs.

Sir Shridath Ramphal, the Commonwealth Secretary-General, has hinted that whatever Government emerges should include Dr Bavadra.

There are fears that constitutional changes in Fiji could unsettle other small nations within the 49-member body. The Queen is head of state of four Pacific countries — Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands, Fiji and Tuvalu (formerly called the Ellis Islands) — and 14 other countries, mainly in the Caribbean.

Science convicts Richard

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Lady Anne's skeleton to those of the princes, and shown that the relationship between dental and skeletal maturity of the latter suggests that both are pre-pubescent boys.

The presence of large extra bones within the sutures of the skulls of both, and their similar size and position at the back of the head is strongly suggestive that the boys were related to each other, she says in the current issue of the *London Archaeologist*.

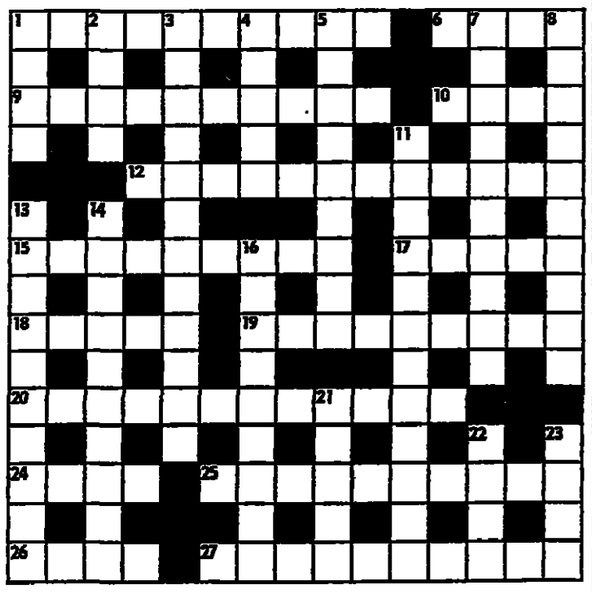
More striking is the evidence which Dr Molleson has found for a blood relationship between the two boys and Anne Mowbray, who had been related to the princes through common great-grandparents and great-great-grandparents.

Both Anne Mowbray and the elder boy have a number of permanent teeth missing, a rare phenomenon known as hypodontia. The form in which the two skeletons have it is present in less than 1 per cent of a contemporary sample, and is thought to be strongly hereditary.

Other traits include distinctive features of the hands and feet. The combined evidence of bones and teeth suggests that the boys were related to Anne Mowbray.

The age of the children at death could also be established from the teeth.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 17,362



ACROSS

1 Out of water, over-excited fellow has the doctor in (4,3,3).
6 Expert in car chases (4).
9 Scoffed after politician in pain produces snarl (10).
10 Use spoon in jug (4).
12 Unrepeatable offer Hector mistakenly derides at first (3,3,6).
15 Financier, one restoring confidence heartlessly when at wit's end (9).
17 Ventured to clean right inside (5).
18 Braced up to retreat from the rear (5).
19 Where to find Victoria's sister in shabbier surroundings that I left (4,5).
20 The proper way to eat the food girl fed to old mistress (5,7).
24 Juvenile — 'e's in the chief part (4).
25 Form does wind up in total confusion (6,4).
26 Having received approval, we became lively (4).
27 Two saints getting sick come to a halt (10).

DOWN

1 Drink pop (4).
2 Brave creatures being hunted (4).
3 Trouble unfolded, alas, without warning (3,2,1,6).
4 Pipe filled with a coin (5).
5 Rotor went wrong near Hyde Park corner (6,3).
7 To err is unusual — class going back to the beginning (10).
8 In this instance, it finally is put in the record and passed on (10).
11 Central office had concealed one point — and several others below (12).
13 The country about to express disapproval at 25 Acts of Parliament (7,3).
14 The first to be stuck on a girl, a footballer — outside left (5,5).
16 Privileged treatment brings communist rebuke (3,6).
21 Scots lad ups and joins the navy in Scots town (5).
22 One wet place? Just the opposite, a dry place (4).
23 A love for indigo (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 17,361



Concise crossword, page 14

A Prize Jumbo Crossword will appear in the Times on Saturday

WEATHER

Strong northerly winds over the North Sea will bring cloudy and cool weather to northern and eastern Scotland and to much of the east of England with a few light showers, especially near to the east coast, but with some sunny intervals later. Northern Ireland and the more sheltered southern and western parts of Britain will be mainly dry and generally brighter with sunny periods but still on the cool side. Outlook for tomorrow and Saturday: Dry with sunny periods in western areas but rather cloudier in the east with a few mainly light showers, more especially near south-eastern coasts. Rather cool.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow; t, thunder.

		C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	c	15	59	Madrid	s	19	66
Alcrotiri	s	23	73	Majorca	f	20	68
Alex'dria	f	22	72	Malaga	s	20	68
Algiers	c	21	70	Malta	c	21	70
Amst'dm	f	9	48	Melb'rne	c	13	55
Athens	s	25	77	Mexico C'	f	23	73
Barbados'	f	31	88	Miami*	f	28	82
Barcelna	s	19	66	Milan	f	16	61
Belgrade	f	23	73	Moscow	c	25	77
Berlin	f	12	54	Munich	r	9	48
Bermuda*	f	25	77	Nairobi	f	26	79
Biarritz	f	16	61	Naples	f	21	70
Borde'x	f	17	63	N Delhi	s	38	100
Budapst	c	19	66	N York*	c	13	55
B Aires*	f	17	63	Nice	s	16	61
Cairo	s	34	93	Oslo	s	15	59
Cape Tn	s	21	70	Paris	f	13	55
C'blanca	s	22	72	Perth	c	19	66
Chicago*	c	25	77	Prague	r	10	50
Ch'church	f	13	55	Reykjvik	c	9	48
Cologne	c	9	48	Rhodes	f	22	72
C'phagn	r	7	45	Rio de J	r	23	73
Corfu	s	22	72	Riyadh	s	38	100
Dublin	f	14	57	Rome	r	16	61
Dubrovnik	s	19	66	Salzburg	r	11	52
Faro	s	22	72	S F'isco*	f	18	64
Florence	c	15	59	Seoul	s	26	79
Frankfurt	f	10	50	St'kholm	f	12	54
Funchal	c	19	66	Strasb'rg	c	10	50
Geneva	c	11	52	Sydney	c	17	63
Gibraltar	s	19	66	Tangier	s	23	77
Helsinki	c	10	50	Tel aviv	s	27	81
Hong K	c	28	82	Tenerife	s	23	73
Innsbruck	c	12	54	Tokyo	s	26	79
Istanbul	s	20	68	Toronto*	c	13	55
Jeddah	f	33	91	Tunis	s	24	75
Jo'burg*	c	24	75	Valencia	s	20	68
Karachi	c	33	91	Vanc'ver*	f	14	57
L Palmas	s	22	72	Venice	f	18	66
Le Touet	f	11	52	Vienna	r	12	54
Lisbon	s	22	72	Warsaw	s	18	64
Locarno	f	17	63	Wel'ton	c	14	57
Luxembg	c	7	45	Zurich	c	10	50

* denotes Tuesday's figures are latest available

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	3.9	-	14	57	sunny
Bridlington	3.4	-	12	54	cloudy
Cromer	4.5	-	13	55	sunny
Lowestoft	7.1	-	13	55	sunny
Clacton	5.4	.01	12	54	sunny
Southend	7.1	-	15	59	sunny
Margate	*	.01	12	54	sunny
Folkestone	7.8	.04	15	59	sunny
Hastings	6.5	.03	16	61	bright
Eastbourne	9.5	-	16	61	sunny
Brighton	7.1	-	15	59	bright
Worthing	9.8	-	17	63	sunny
Littlehmptn	10.7	-	18	64	sunny
Bognor R	9.8	-	16	61	sunny
Southsea	11.0	.02	18	64	sunny
Sandown	10.6	-	17	63	sunny
Shanklin	*				
Bournemth	10.6	-	18	64	sunny
Poole	11.4	-	17	63	sunny
Swanage	10.5	-	17	63	sunny
Weymouth	9.1	-	19	66	sunny
Exmouth	7.5	-	15	59	sunny
Teignmouth	7.2	-	15	59	sunny
Torquay	7.3	-	16	61	sunny
Falmouth	11.6	-	15	59	sunny
Penzance	6.9	-	15	59	sunny
Scilly Isles	8.9	-	16	61	sunny
Jersey	5.1	-	14	57	sunny
Guernsey	8.1	-	14	57	sunny
Ilfracombe	10.5	-	14	57	sunny
Minehead	10.1	-	16	61	sunny
B'pool Airpt	6.8	-	14	57	bright
Morecambe	3.9	-	15	59	cloudy
Douglas	3.8	.01	15	59	cloudy
B'ham Airpt	2.7	-	15	59	bright
Bristol (Clif)	6.2	-	16	61	sunny
Carlisle	2.2	-	14	57	cloudy
London	6.8	.01	16	61	bright
Manchester	2.1	-	16	61	cloudy
N'ctl-n-Tyne	2.7	-	12	54	bright
Nottingham	2.2	-	14	57	cloudy
Anglesey	5.9	.01	15	59	sunny
Cardiff (Ctrl)	6.8	-	15	59	sunny
Colwyn Bay	4.5	.05	12	54	sunny
Tenby	1.2	-	12	54	cloudy
Aberdeen	6.6	.01	12	54	bright
Edinburgh	2.3	-	14	57	bright
Eskdalemuir	2.1	-	12	54	cloudy
Glasgow	9.0	-	17	63	sunny
Kinloss	8.4	.02	12	54	sunny
Lerwick	7.4	.05	8	46	shower
Prestwick	5.5	-	16	61	bright
Stornoway	10.2	.02	12	54	sunny
Tiree	6.8	.01	12	54	sunny
Wick	10.8	.01	11	52	sunny
Belfast	5.4	.02	14	57	drizzle

These are Tuesday's figures

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HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	9.04	6.3	9.20	6.1
Aberdeen	8.47	3.6	9.57	3.5
Avonmouth	2.06	10.7	2.40	10.4
Belfast	6.16	3.2	7.18	2.9
Cardiff	1.51	9.9	2.25	9.7
Devonport	12.39	4.7	1.33	4.3
Dover	6.39	5.5	7.00	5.5
Falmouth	12.09	4.5	1.03	4.1
Glasgow	7.15	4.2	8.38	3.9
Harwich	6.58	3.5	7.12	3.3
Holyhead	5.42	4.8	6.46	4.5
Hull	1.41	6.0	1.36	6.2
Ilfracombe	1.03	7.5	1.41	7.2
Leith	10.02	4.7	10.56	4.8
Liverpool	6.29	8.1	7.19	7.7
Lowestoft	5.20	2.1	4.35	2.2
Margate	7.25	4.1	7.31	4.1
Milford Haven	1.18	5.8	1.59	5.4
Newquay	12.18	5.9	12.59	5.5
Oban	1.48	3.2	2.27	2.8
Penzance	—	—	12.51	4.3
Portland	1.31	1.6	2.35	1.4
Portsmouth	6.44	3.8	7.45	4.1
Shoreham	6.29	5.0	7.20	5.3
Southampton	6.19	3.8	7.18	4.1
Swansea	1.27	7.6	2.06	7.3
Tees	11.09	4.4	—	—
W'ton-on-Nze	6.58	3.7	7.15	3.5

Tide measured in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

THE POUND

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.43	2.31
Austria Sch	21.80	20.70
Belgium Fr	64.50	61.30
Canada $	2.352	2.242
Denmark Kr	11.66	11.06
Finland Mkk	7.68	7.20
France Fr	10.35	9.85
Germany Dm	3.11	2.95
Greece Dr	226	216
Hong Kong $	13.60	12.90
Ireland Pt	1.18	1.10
Italy Lira	2240	2130
Japan Yen	247	233
Netherlands Gld	3.49	3.31
Norway Kr	11.53	10.93
Portugal Esc	239.50	225.50
South Africa Rd	5.00	4.20
Spain Pta	215	205
Sweden Kr	10.88	10.33
Switzerland Fr	2.54	2.41
USA $	1.758	1.678
Yugoslavia Dnr	1100	1000

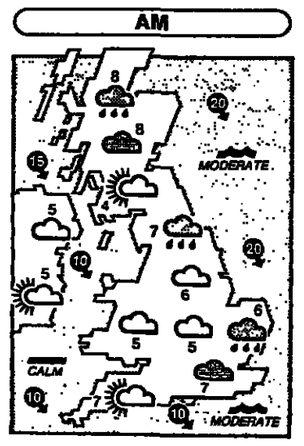
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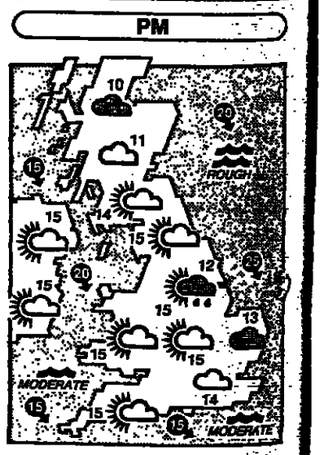
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AM



PM



LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 9.24 pm to 4.30 am
Bristol 9.33 pm to 4.40 am
Edinburgh 8.59 pm to 4.19 am
Manchester 9.42 pm to 4.29 am
Penzance 9.39 pm to 4.58 am

YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

		C	F			C	F
Belfast	s	13	55	Guernsey	s	12	54
B'rmgham	f	11	52	Inverness	f	14	57
Blackpool	s	13	55	Jersey	s	15	59
Bristol	c	14	57	London	c	11	52
Cardiff	c	15	59	M'chester	s	13	55
Edinburgh	f	13	55	Newcastle	f	10	50
Glasgow	f	15	59	R'maldsway	s	12	54

Sun rises: 5.01 am
Sun sets: 8.54 pm
Moon rises 2.53 am
Moon sets 1.47 pm
New Moon May 27

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 13C (55F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 8C (43F) Humidity: 6 pm, 52 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 10.7hrs. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1029.6 millibars, steady.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

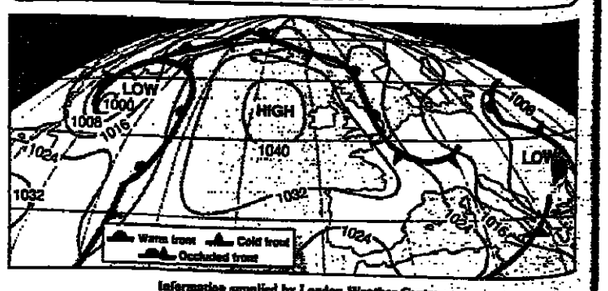
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Tuesday: Highest day temp: Weymouth, Dorset, 19C (66F); lowest day max: Lerwick, Shetland, 8C (46F); highest rainfall: Lerwick and Colwyn Bay, Clwyd, 0.05in; highest sunshine: Falmouth, Cornwall, 11.6hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 15C (59F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 5C (39F) Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 8.9hrs.

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Executive Editor
Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1690.8 (–28.2)

FT-SE 100
2174.0 (–40.3)

Bargains
57059 (48685)

USM (Datastream)
178.00 (–0.59)

THE POUND

US dollar
1.6830 (+0.0015)

W German mark
2.9848 (–0.0041)

Trade-weighted
73.7 (–0.1)

Lloyd's is asked to reconsider

Members of syndicates worst *hit by the PCW affair have* asked Lloyd's to reduce the £35 million which names are being asked to pay under a £135 million settlement proposal drawn up by the insurance market's ruling council. They have also sought an extension to the May 30 deadline set by Lloyd's for acceptance of the proposal.

The requests were made by the PCW 1985 Steering Committee after a meeting last weekend, at which it was said that the liabilities of syndicates may have been overstated owing to exchange rate fluctuations since 1985. Some names have suggested that their contribution could be reduced by £18 million on these grounds.

It is understood that Lloyd's *may be able to reply to the* names' requests before the end of this week. The committee of Lloyd's is empowered under the terms of its proposals to extend the deadline to June 19 and is expected to do so. But those closely involved in the PCW affair believe the council is unlikely to vary the terms of the settlement proposals, which it sees as a package to be taken as a whole.

Forecast met

In line with the forecast made during its recent bid for Avana, Ranks Hovis McDougall reports pretax profits for the half-year to the end of February of £52.9 million compared with £40.2 million last year. Turnover grew by 6 per cent to £742.3 million. An interim dividend of 2.65p is declared. **Tempus, page 26.**

SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York
Dow Jones ..... 2218.68 (–2.60)*
Tokyo
Nikkei Dow ..... 23419.60 (–658.28)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ..... 2878.10 (–3.37)
Amsterdam: Gen ..... 286.5 (–5.9)
Sydney: AO ..... 1854.9 (+16.3)
Frankfurt:
Commerzbank ..... 1729.6 (–22.6)
Brussels:
General ..... 4512.4 (–57.2)
Paris: CAC ..... 425.6 (–10.7)
Zurich: SKA Gen ..... 515.70 (–7.70)
London: FT. A ..... 1086.05 (–17.05)
FT. Gilts ..... 92.43 (same)

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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:
S Miller ..... 136p (+16p)
Avon Rubber ..... 606p (+27p)
Telfos ..... 130p (+10p)
Moss Bros. ..... 733p (+63p)
Ellis & Goldstein .. 122½p (+12¼p)
Coates 'A' ..... 239p (+14p)
Cons. Gold ..... 1139p (+55p)
Ex-Lands ..... 92p (+39p)

FALLS:
GEC ..... 228p (–12p)
Coloroll ..... 347p (–10p)
Jaguar ..... 515p (–19p)
Whitbread 'A' ..... 351p (–29p)
Yorkshire TV ..... 322p (–18p)
Unilever ..... 3028p (–55p)
Sainsbury ..... 522p (–12p)
ICI ..... 1398p (–27p)
British Airways ..... 153p (–9p)
Lloyds ..... 538p (–47p)
Suter ..... 294p (–8p)
Arlington ..... 243p (–7p)
Prices are as at 4pm

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 9%
3-month interbank 8¾-8⅝%
3-month eligible bills: 8⁹/₁₆-8¹⁵/₁₆% buying rate
US: Prime Rate 8½%
Federal Funds 6⅜%*
3-month Treasury Bills 5.70-5.69%*
30-year bonds 96¹³/₁₆-96⅝*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.6830	£: $1.6835*
£: DM2.9848	$: DM1.7745*
£: *SwFr2.4471*	$: SwFr1.4547*
£: FFr9.9751	$: FFr5.9355*
£: Yen235.20	$: Yen139.75*
£: Index:73.7	$: Index:99.7
ECU £0.70677	SDR £0.778420

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $479.95 pm-$475.25
close $475.00-475.50 (£281.75-282.25)
New York:
Comex $472.70-473.30*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (June) pm $18.35bbl ($18.42)
* Denotes latest trading price

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Japanese may have breached 15 per cent limit on foreign ownership

R-R surges to 62p premium

By Cliff Feltham

Small investors sparked off an avalanche of selling orders yesterday as they rushed to cash in their profits on Rolls-Royce shares as soon as dealing started on the stock market.

The 85p partly-paid shares in the privatized aero-engine group immediately surged to 128p before powering ahead to close at 147p, a premium of 62p. This meant an instant profit of £93 before dealing costs to anyone holding the minimum allocation of 150 shares.

By the end of the day more than 407 million shares had changed hands – more than *half the company – amid* widespread confusion that powerful Japanese securities houses had overbought the issue.

The Government had set a limit on foreign ownership of 15 per cent but it was becoming clear last night that the Japanese alone may have *breached that limit.*

One report said they may have picked up 160 million shares – or 20 per cent. Nomura, the world's largest securities house, was reported to have acquired 20 million shares.

Mr Christopher Clarke, a director of Samuel Montagu, the merchant bank handling the flotation, admitted trading had been "quite extraordinary."

He added: "There appears *to have* been strong buying from the Japanese for most of the day. If anyone has overbought then the shares will be disenfranchised."

The huge public demand surprised stockbrokers. Said one: "The telephones haven't stopped ringing and all the business is coming from people *who had just* received their allotment letters. I don't think they had any intention of holding on to the shares – they simply wanted a quick *profit.*"

Brokers are gearing themselves up for another day of hectic business from people who had left home before the post arrived and are expected to sell their shares today.

Sir Francis Tombs, the Rolls-Royce chairman, who watched the first price of the day flash up on the screens at Hoare Govett, the company's joint stockbrokers, said he was encouraged by the price.

"I think a lot of small shareholders will sell out but others will stay because of the charisma of the Rolls-Royce name," he said.

There was evidence of heavy selling of Rolls-Royce shares by its employees. Hillman Catford Board, the small broker based in Bristol, where Rolls-Royce employs 8,000 people, *sold 1.6 million* shares mostly from staff.

Mr David Chanter, a director, said: "Workers have borrowed money from the banks to apply for shares and are now selling."

Rolls-Royce said later: "If people decide to take a profit it is their money, but at the end of the day there will be a lot of employees who remain shareholders."

And Mr David Loudon, of Smith Keen Cutler in Birmingham, said: "There has been a queue of people in our share shop all day waiting to deal in Rolls-Royce. But our more seasoned clients seem prepared to hold on to their shares, which they think will go better."

The National Westminster Bank said 17,000 deals had been carried out on the "touch screens" for instant dealing set up in 245 branches. "Our City branches were quiet because most people had left home before their allotment letters arrived so we can expect more hectic business today."



Something to smile about: Sir Francis, R-R chairman, Christopher Clarke of Samuel Montagu and Richard Westmacott, chairman of Hoare Govett, watching the price

Connect 'to cost retailers millions'

By Teresa Poole
Business Correspondent

Hundreds of millions of pounds, possibly billions, will be added to retailers' costs by Barclays Bank's new Connect debit card, Mr Michael Montague, chairman of the National Consumer Council, said yesterday.

In the latest twist to the dispute over the new card, which has already been rejected by leading retailers and petrol stations, he said: "And who, then, will foot the bill? The consumer, inevitably. But why should we? And why, in addition, should consumers, collude in arrangements which are bound to fuel inflation?

"I say to Barclays very clearly that this is not acceptable."

The NCC has already written to Sir Gordon Borrie, the Director-General of Fair Trading, asking him to investigate urgently the legality of Barclays' proposals.

Mr Montague said: "Barclays are attempting to exploit their 40 per cent share of the UK credit card market to foist upon the rest of us what may well be an anti-competitive practice."

BP estimates the new card could add more than £30 million to the costs of the oil industry, worth an extra 0.5p on a gallon of petrol.

Barclays, which failed to win acceptance for the debit card even after almost halving the proposed charge to little more than 1 per cent for some retailers, hit back at the NCC's allegations over costs.

It said the claims were "reckless as well as wrong". Total revenues, on the most optimistic assumptions, would be measured in tens of millions of pounds "for the forseeable future".

The NCC wants the Connect arrangements to be negotiated with retailers separately from the Barclaycard agreements.

Bank shares lead way down after Citicorp reveals loss

By Richard Thomson and Bailey Morris

Clearing bank shares led the fall in the stock market yesterday in the wake of Citicorp's announcement of a $2.5 billion (£1.5 billion) loss because of provisions against bad debt, even though British bankers welcomed the move.

Mr John Reed, the chairman, said on Tuesday that Citicorp was taking the loss in its second quarter as the result of boosting its bad debt provisions to 3.9 per cent of total lending. That is a higher level than British bank provisions.

Although British clearing bankers applauded Citicorp's intiative, they said they were unlikely to make similar massive one-off provisions against bad debt. The Bank of England, however, said it expected a continuing increase in provisions by British banks on bad debts to sovereign borrowers. This led to stock market fears that clearing banks' profits would be sharply depressed.

One British banker said: "Citicorp's action will make it easier for banks to make larger provisions than they would have done. We are likely to raise our provisioning to the same level over the next two to three years. We had thought the situation with Latin American lending was getting better, but clearly it is getting worse."

Fears of a full-scale world banking crisis, and political worries, sent share prices plunging in London. By early afternoon the FT-SE 100 share index had shed 40.9 points to 2173.4 before a rally reduced losses.

In early trading on Wall Street, the share falls of the previous day, which left the Dow Jones industrial average 37.38 points off at 2221.28, looked set to continue.

In London, bank shares were marked down sharply. Lloyds and Midland, with the highest exposure to Latin American debt, fell by around 50p at one stage but rallied in later dealings. Sentiment in the banks was also clouded by recurring rumours of a pending £500m rights issue from Midland. The FT 30 share index sustained a fall of 28.2 at 1,690, while the broader FT-SE 100 closed 40.3 lower at 2,174..

Meanwhile, Argentina finalized a 10-year debt rescheduling agreement in Paris yesterday with 14 creditor governments. It includes a six-year grace period on some debt.

The surprise decision by Citicorp has put strong pressure on other banks to follow suit, US officials said yesterday. Manufacturers Hanover, among the most exposed of US banks to Latin America, said that it was taking an intensive look at loan loss provisions. But officials warned that some big banks with large loans outstanding would be unable to sustain the losses incurred by Citicorp.

Money growth gathers speed

By David Smith
Economics Correspondent

There was mixed news for the Government in official statistics published yesterday. First-quarter figures showed growth continuing in the economy. But the money supply accelerated last month, which is likely to add to Bank of England caution on interest rates.

The economy grew by 0.4 per cent in the first quarter, according to figures for *output-based gross domestic* product. Compared with a year earlier, GDP recorded a strong. 3.6 per cent increase. The first-quarter rise was due to higher energy and services output, with manufacturing, hit by the weather in January, flat.

Output of services rose by 0.3 per cent in the first quarter, to show a rise of 4.2 per cent compared with that period in 1986. GDP excluding oil rose by *just 0.1* per cent in the first quarter, although it was 3.7 per cent up on a year earlier.

The April money supply figures showed an acceleration in both broad and narrow measures. Narrow money, M0, rose by a seasonally adjusted 0.5 per cent, and its 12-month growth rate increased from 3.5 to 5.25 per cent. The official target range is 2 to 6 per cent.

Broad money, M3, showed a rise of 1.75 to 2 per cent. Its 12-month growth rate, not now targeted, rose above 20 per cent for the first time since the end of 1973. The 12-month increase in April, 20.5 per cent, compared with 19 per cent in March.

There was a slowdown, from £2.1 billion to £1.5 billion, in bank lending growth, but the money supply was again swelled by Bank of England intervention in the foreign exchange markets to hold down sterling. After allowing for sales of gilt-edged stock to foreigners, Bank of England intervention had a net expansionary effect on M3 (formerly sterling M3) of £1.1 billion.

"These figures will reinforce *the need for caution on interest rates,"* said Mr Peter Fellner, gilt economist at James Capel, "although current circumstances are anything but normal."

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Brewers invest in leisure interests

By Colin Campbell

Whitbread & Company and Bass, two of Britain's leading brewing groups, plan to invest heavily in their non-beer interests and thus protect themselves from a flat beer market to ensure continued profits growth.

Whitbread, having invested £225 million last year, intends spending £400 million over the next four years and Bass, fresh from its agreed £95 *million bid for Horizon* Travel, is to expand its leisure interests.

Sir Derek Palmar, the Bass chairman, said he would welcome the addition of a US hotel chain to complement the group's growing interests.

Both groups have reported higher profits.

Whitbread's year-end pretax profits rose from £136.8 million to £158.9 million on a turnover of £1.55 billion. *Interim profits at Bass rose from* £130.1 million to £147.4 million on a turnover up from £1.05 billion to £1.13 billion.

Whitbread is raising the year's total dividend payment by 14.1 per cent to 8.9p a share. The interim dividend from Bass rises by 14.3 per cent to 4.8p a share.

Both shares fell in weak stock markets yesterday.

The UK beer market increased only marginally last year and both groups claim an increased market share but it was the diversified interests which made the best headway.

Operating profits from managed outlets, restaurants and leisure activities at Whitbread rose 24 per cent to £69.4 million.

Leisure profits at Bass more than doubled to £15.4 million, helped by strong performances at Coral Racing and Crest Hotels.

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Coloroll fails to impress

By Carol Ferguson

A 66 per cent jump in Coloroll's pretax profits to £10.33 million on turnover up 89 per cent to £115 million failed to impress the market yesterday. The shares closed down 10p on the day at 342p.

Earnings per share rose 23 per cent to 16.5p and the dividend was increased 15 per cent to 5.75p net.

The bulk of the increase in sales was due to the impact of acquisitions made during the year. The company said the sales increase excluding acquisitions was only 9 per cent in British wallcoverings, 8 per cent in home furnishings and 11 per cent in wallcoverings in the US.

Mr John Ashcroft, the chairman, commenting on the acquisition of Crown House which was completed earlier this month and is not included in last year's figures, said: "What we've seen there is desperate and needs action."

He said that Crown's loss-making businesses in the US and Canada would be closed down immediately and that two other businesses, George Butler, a silverware manufacturer, and the engineering division, were to be disposed of. The property portfolio would be liquidated.

Butler, Mr Ashcroft said, "was heading for a loss of £1 million this year on £4 million of turnover and there will either be a buy-out or drastic action".

*Crown's engineering di*vision is making profits of about £4 million a year on turnover of £175 million and net assets of £20 million. *Mr Ashcroft said several groups* had expressed interest in various parts of the business and it should be disposed of by the end of July.

Crown House's remaining three divisions – Dema, the machine-made glass business; Denby stoneware; and Thomas Webb and Edinburgh crystal – have all been reorganized

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Body Shop prepares for US

By Joe Joseph

Mrs Anita Roddick, who has already planted more than 250 Body Shops around the globe from Bahrain to the Bahamas, is preparing for a big push into the lucrative US and Japanese markets by buying out the companies that own the successful Body Shop trademark in those countries.

Body Shop International – which has tapped a booming market for naturally produced and simply packaged cosmetics – wants to secure worldwide use of its own name before turning its attention to the US next year and Japan later.

Jane Store Inc, a wholesale supplier, currently owns "The Body Shop" trademark in the US and Japan, while Madge Inc is licensed to use the name on retail and mail order cosmetics.



Anita Roddick: tapped a booming market

Under a $3.5 million (£2.1 million) deal announced yesterday, their rights to the trademark in the US and Japan will be transferred to a new company called Mark Transfer, which will in turn be bought by Body Shop.

Body Shop is paying for the purchase by issuing 268,177 new shares, which have been conditionally placed at 775p each.

Although Mrs Roddick does not expect the company's US operations to fatten the group's profits in the medium term, *the Body Shop idea is* likely to do well in America's shopping malls, where demand for health products is strong and companies like Laura Ashley blossom by stressing their English origins.

Survey identifies patterns for profits and earnings growth

Bigger market role for buyouts

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

There have been more than 1,300 management buyouts since 1980; nearly a tenth of these have been floated and there is scope for a "substantial increase" in the number coming to market. But the euphoric levels of operating profits and earnings per share in the early days of buyouts are not always sustained after flotation.

This emerges from a new assessment* of buyouts by the Centre for Management Buyout Research at the University of Nottingham. The centre was founded by Spicer and Pegler, the chartered accountant, and Barclays Development Capital, the buyout financier.

Of 102 flotations identified, more than 60 per cent went to the Unlisted Securities Market, 30 per cent sought a full stock market listing and the rest found a place on the Over The Counter market. On average, it took three-and-a-*half years from* buyout to flotation but full market quotations were quicker.

Buyouts are playing an increasing role in the markets. By last year 22 per cent of USM placings were buyouts and in the past four years they have accounted for 15 per cent of full listings.

Combined capitalization was now about £2.4 billion, more than three times their value – about £800 million – at the time of the actual buyouts. At flotation their value had been about £1.5 billion, almost double the buyout level.

Buyouts have been rating high in the markets, says the report. Last year, the average growth in buyout share prices outperformed both the FT 500 industrial and Datastream USM indexes. Buyout flotations with an average price-earnings ratio of 18.1 are better rated than the FT 500 index p/e of 16.99.

But patterns are emerging from post buyout histories. Operating profits treble over a five-year period, including two years pre-flotation and the same number post-flotation. But while full-listing and OTC buyouts see consistent growth, with USM buyouts the profit rises before flotation, falls during the flotation year and then rises again after two years.

Overall the post-flotation operating profit growth dips in the first year, leading to a strong recovery *in the second* and third years but still not matching earlier levels. Average earnings per share increase markedly up to and including the flotation year after which they ease back for two years.

Dr Mike Wright, director of research, said: "There are factors in the first year after flotation, the actual costs of floating being one. Often the main reason for coming to market is to go ahead with acquisitions and absorbing those can take time. Acquisitions mean a much bigger base and it is then harder to equal the earlier growth rates."

There could be some cases where the residual problems of a business, which at the start might have led to its being divested by a bigger company, have reasserted themselves, Dr Wright said. "But the evidence is that this has happened only in a few cases."

Divestment accounts for more than 60 per cent of USM buyouts and in 1985, for just under 40 per cent of full listing buyouts. At one time a fifth of buyouts were from company receivers but this percentage has declined.

He added: "The prospects for buyouts seem very positive. Early work on failure rates points only to about 10 per cent." There were about 250 new buyouts in 1986 and it looks as if there may be the same number this year, Dr Wright said.

* *Flotations of Management buyouts:* by Dr Mike Wright, Mr Ken Robbie and Mr John Coyne; £85 plus £2.50 p/p from Spicer and Pegler, Friary Court, 65 Crutched Friars, London EC3N 2NP.

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INTERIM RESULTS

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 28th FEBRUARY 1987

UNAUDITED	1987	1986	Increase
Turnover	£172.0m	£114.2m	+51%
Profit before taxation	£36.9m	£31.2m	+18%
Profit after taxation	£31.6m	£26.0m	+22%
Earnings per share	23.9p	19.9p*	+20%
Dividend per share (net)	1.75p	1.25p*	+40%

*adjusted for 1 for 5 scrip issue in January 1987

EXTRACTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

The Agriculture, Food and Related Industries Division contributed £31.3m pre-tax profits on turnover of £103.9m. Geographical market expansion has continued in Western and Eastern Europe and the Far East, and alternative sourcing arrangements now make available a variety of Latin American and European produce.

The Consumer Electronics Division contributed pre-tax profits of £3.9m on turnover of £38.3m. Vestel strengthened its position in the market with an extended and updated product range as well as its own-brand products. Reduction in unit costs means wide scope for export potential and a small range of products are already being exported to Europe and the Middle East whilst similar opportunities elsewhere are being explored. At Russell Hobbs Tower progress has been encouraging.

The Textile Division recorded pre-tax profits of £1.7m on turnover of £29.8m. Particularly encouraging progress was made by Santana in the USA and Shui Hing and Impact in the Far East. This included the acquisition by Shui Hing of 51 per cent of a Portuguese company, Agoli.

In the Pharmaceuticals, Toiletries and Cosmetics Division progress has been made in the development of new projects including the formation of a joint-venture company in Turkey to distribute consumer products from The Wellcome Foundation. The associate company, Prestij Kozmetik, successfully launched its range of L'Oreal cosmetics and toiletries.

The international development of the Group is continuing most satisfactorily. In the USA a sponsored American Depositary Receipt programme has been established with The Bank of New York and in the Far East, subject to official consents, the Group has increased its shareholding in Shui Hing to 66 per cent.

The Group views the future with confidence.

Copies of the full interim statement can be obtained from the Secretary, Polly Peck International PLC, 81-91 Commercial Road, London E1 1BD.

WALL STREET

Early setback for Dow after loss at Citicorp

New York (Agencies) — Shares fell sharply in early, heavy trading yesterday, a day after Citicorp reported that it would add $3 billion to loan-loss reserves.

Traders explained that the situation caused uncertainty in the market-place and that there were few buyers for any type of security.

The Dow Jones industrial average dropped by 23 points to 2,198.28. Declining shares outnumbered rising ones by nine to two on a volume of 47 million shares.

Citicorp rose by 1⅝ to 52¼ after attracting several recommendations. But other banks were fractionally mixed and Manufacturers Hanover slipped by 2¼ to 38.

Greyhound was up by ⅜ to 40¼, amid takeover speculation.

On Tuesday, the Dow average closed 37.38 points down at 2,221.28. Losses were much steeper in the broader market.

	May 19	May 18		May 19	May 18		May 19	May 18
AMR Cp	54	55¼	Firestone	36⅝	36⅝	Pepsico	30⅝	30⅝
ASA	64¼	64¼	Fst Chicago	28	29⅛	Pfizer	61⅛	63⅜
Aetna Life	56⅝	57	Fst Int Bncp	52¼	53¼	Phelps Dod	34¼	36⅝
Allied Signal	39⅝	40⅜	Fst Penn C	10⅜	11	Philip Mor	60⅝	61¼
Allis Chalm	3	3⅛	FT Wachva	39⅝	41	Philip Ptrl	15⅝	16
Alcoa	50⅛	50⅝	Ford Motor	89⅛	90⅜	Polaroid	69⅝	72⅛
Amax Inc	21⅛	21⅜	GAF Cp	46⅜	46⅝	Primerica	37	36⅛
AMR Hess	35⅛	36⅛	GTE Cp	34⅝	36⅛	Proct Gble	87¼	89
Am Brands	42⅝	44⅛	Gen Cp	104	104	Pub Svc Eg	35⅛	37⅛
Am Cynmd	85	88⅛	Gn Dynam	61⅛	62⅝	Raytheon	70⅜	71⅝
Am Ele Pwr	25⅛	26	Gen Elect	99⅝	100⅜	Rylnds Met	68	69⅞
Amerex	30⅜	30⅝	Gen Inst	32¼	34⅜	Rockwell Int	26⅛	28
Am Home	79⅛	81⅜	Gen Mills	50	51⅜	Royal Dutch	125⅝	133⅜
Am Motors	4⅛	4⅛	Gen Motors	85⅝	87⅛	SFE Sopac	41⅛	42⅛
Am Stand	40⅝	41⅜	Gen Pub Ut	22⅞	22⅞	Sara Lee	38⅛	39⅛
Am Telph	25⅛	26	Genesco	4⅜	5	Schlumb	42⅝	44⅞
Amoco Cp	84	86	Georgia Pac	41⅜	42	Scott Pap	68	69⅝
Armco Steel	12⅜	12⅝	Gillette	55⅝	56⅛	Seagram	68	70⅝
Asarco Inc	27	27⅝	Goodrich	51⅛	52⅜	Sears Roeb	50⅜	52⅝
Ashland Oil	53⅝	53⅞	Goodyear	62⅝	63⅜	Shell Trans	81⅝	83⅛
Atl Richfld	86½	91	Gould Inc	17⅜	18⅛	Singer	39⅞	40⅛
Avon Prod	30⅜	30⅝	Grace Co	63⅜	64⅜	Smithkln Bk	105⅛	109⅜
Bk Boston	30⅜	31⅛	Grt Atl Pac	32⅛	33⅜	Sony Cp	19⅝	19⅝
Bank NY	40⅝	41⅛	Greyhnd	39⅞	38⅜	Sth Cal Ed	29	29⅜
Bankamer	11¼	11½	Gruman	24⅝	25⅛	SW Bell	101⅜	105⅛
Bkrs Tst NY	42⅞	44⅛	Gulf & West	76⅝	76⅞	Std Oil	74⅛	74⅜
Beth Steel	15⅞	16⅜	Heinz	43⅛	44⅜	Sterl Drug	48⅛	50⅜
Boeing	43⅜	43⅝	Hercules	57⅞	59⅜	Stevens JP	41⅛	42⅜
Boise Casc	67⅜	68⅜	Hewlett Pk	82⅜	83⅜	Sun Comp	61⅝	64⅜
Borden	53⅜	55⅛	Honeywell	74	76⅜	TRW Inc	98⅜	100
Borg Warnr	45⅞	46⅝	IC Ind	30⅜	31⅝	Teledyne	308⅜	317
Brist Myer	93⅜	96⅛	ITT Cp	51	51⅞	Tenneco	46⅛	47⅜
BP	70⅝	70⅝	INCO	18	18⅜	Texaco	36⅛	36⅞
Brunswick	43⅜	45	Ingersoll	78⅛	81⅛	Tex Eastn	36	36⅜
Burl Ind	73⅛	71⅝	Inland Steel	29⅜	31⅛	Tex Inst	175⅛	180⅝
Burl Nth	68½	71⅛	IBM	156⅝	161⅛	Tex Util	31	31⅛
CBS	159	161⅞	Int Paper	88⅝	91⅛	Textron	59⅜	59⅞
CPC Int	44⅝	45⅞	Irving Bk	42⅜	43⅛	Travelers	42⅛	43⅜
CSX Cp	31⅜	32⅜	Jhnsn & Jhsn	80⅜	82⅛	USG	94⅜	96⅜
Cmpbell Sp	62⅞	65	K Mart Cp	58⅛	60⅜	USX Cp	31⅝	32
Can Pacific	18	18⅛	Kaiserntech	16⅛	16⅝	Unilever NV	316⅛	317
Caterpillar	53	54	Kerr McGee	35	36⅜	Un Carbide	28⅝	29
Centrl SW	29⅜	30	Kimbl Clark	105⅛	107	Un Pac Cp	75⅝	76⅜
Champion	35⅛	36⅛	Kraft	55⅛	54⅝	Unisys Cp	113⅞	114⅜
Chase Man	34⅛	35½	Kroger	30⅜	31⅛	Utd Brands	36⅝	37⅛
Chem NY	40⅝	42⅜	LTV Cp	4⅛	4⅜	Utd Tech	46⅝	46⅞
Chevron	55⅛	57⅛	Litton	90⅝	91⅞	Unocal	38	39
Chrysler	35⅜	36⅛	Lockheed	44⅛	45⅝	Walter Jim	46⅛	47⅜
Citicorp	50⅝	52⅛	Lucky Str	31⅛	32⅝	Warn Lamb	56⅛	57⅜
Clark Eq	25½	26⅝	Marn H'ner	40⅜	42	Wells Far	48⅜	50⅜
Coca Cola	39½	39½	Manville	3	3⅛	Westg El	58	59⅛
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Cmb'tn Eng	36⅛	36⅝	Mt Marietta	42⅝	44⅛	Woolworth	45⅞	46⅛
Cmwlth Edi	32½	33⅛	Masco	31⅛	33⅜	Xerox Cp	74⅛	76⅛
Cons Edis	40⅜	41⅝	Mcdonalds	76⅝	77⅞	Zenith	27½	28⅛
Consol Ng	39⅜	41	McDonnell	62⅝	64½			
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Cont Data	31	32	Merck	147½	149⅜			
Corning Gl	59	59⅝	Mingis Mng	124½	125	Agnco Eag	40⅝	40¼
Crane	39⅜	39⅝	Mobil	46⅜	46⅝	Alcan Alum	38⅝	41
Curtiss Wrt	60½	60⅝	Monsanto	80⅝	82⅞	Algoma Stl	15⅛	15⅞
Data Genl	33⅛	31	Morgan Jp	41⅞	42⅛	Can Pacific	24⅛	24⅝
Deere Co	30⅜	31⅞	Motorola	53⅜	56⅛	Cominco	18	18⅜
Delta Arl	52⅝	52⅛	NCR	71⅛	72⅛	Con Bathrst	18⅝	19⅛
Detroit Edi	16	16⅝	Nl. Indstrs	7⅝	8	Hawk S Can	27	27
Digital Eq	156⅛	158⅛	Nat Distill	58⅛	61⅛	Hud Bay M	26⅝	28⅛
Disney	60½	62	Nat Mid Est	25⅛	25⅝	Imasco	34	33⅜
Dow Chem	81⅛	83⅜	Nat Semi	14⅛	14⅜	Imperial Oil	73⅝	73⅞
Dresser Ind	28⅜	30	Norfolk Sth	29⅛	31⅛	Int Pipe	50½	50¾
Ducont	109⅝	113⅞	NW Bancrp	38⅝	39	Royl Trstco	33¾	34
Duke Pwr	42	43⅜	Occid Petl	34⅛	35⅛	Seagram	91⅞	94⅞
East Kodak	77⅝	79	Ogden Cp	69	70⅝	Shelco 'A'	24⅛	24⅝
Eaton Cp	84½	85⅞	Olin Cp	48⅝	48⅛	Thmsn N 'A'	30⅜	30⅜
Emerson El	99	102⅝	PPG Ind	37⅞	39⅝	Varity Cp	3.50	3.35
Emery Air	15⅜	16⅛	Pac Gas El	19⅝	20	WCT	17⅜	17⅜
Exxon	67	68⅝	Pan Am	4⅛	4⅜	Weston	39¼	40
Farah Inc	14½	14⅝	Penney JC	47⅞	45⅞			
Fedders	8⅛	8⅛	Pennzoil	79½	80⅝			

STOCK MARKET

Third World debt fears wipe £7 billion off share values

By Michael Clark and Geoffrey Foster

The spectre of world debt reared its ugly head on the stock market again yesterday and sent share prices into a steep dive.

This followed the overnight news from New York that Citicorp, America's biggest banking group, had made provisions for bad debts by Third World countries of £1.78 billion. These provisions would be shown in the group's second-quarter figures. The Bank of England followed this up by giving a warning to British banks to take care about their own exposure to bad debts by Third World countries.

Dealers were dismayed to find that the situation, particularly in South America, was becoming worse rather than better as many observers had believed. Citicorp's decision to face up to the problems of bad debt caught investors around the world on the hop.

In Tokyo, the Nikkei Dow Jones index tumbled by 658.28 points to 23,419.60 and there were also sharp falls in West Germany and Brussels. As a result, market-makers in London were presented with their first opportunity to knock prices for some time — and took it with both hands.

The big four clearing banks, which have lent vast sums to Third World countries, were badly hit, with double-figure falls but managed to close above their worst levels. The British banks claim that they have no intention of following Citicorp's lead. But dealers now fear that the Midland Bank will be forced to turn to shareholders for more funds when it unveils its interim figures in July.

Midland ended the day 46p lower at 657p on a turnover of 8.2 million shares. There were also losses in Barclays, down by 19p at 559p (5.2 million shares), Lloyds, 12p at 543p (7.7 million shares) and National Westminster, 18p easier at 685p (11 million shares).

But the shakeout was not just restricted to the banks. The rest of the equity market also suffered as investors rushed to take some of the massive profits that they have built up in recent weeks. Sentiment was also hit by the news of an opinion poll showing the Conservative lead sharply reduced.

The FT index of 30 shares opened 23.5 points lower and closed at its worst levels of the day, 28.2 points down at 1,690.8 as about £7.15 billion was wiped from the value of quoted stocks. The broader FT-SE 100 index finished 40.3 points off at 2,174.0, having been 44.1 easier earlier in the session. Dealers were cheered by the steadier performance on Wall Street and were hoping for a rally in London when trading resumes today.

One leading broker commented: "It's been like a market-makers' benefit day."

Government securities were not spared the shakeout. Losses at the longer end stretched to £½ following another disappointing performance in the US bond market. The pressure for an early cut in interest rates has also eased.

It was a record day for trading on the traded options market where 106,195 contracts were completed. They comprised 66,323 calls and 39,872 puts.

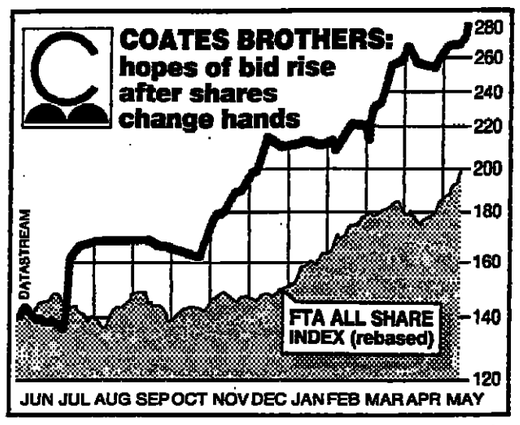
Rolls-Royce ignored the surrounding malaise, closing at the day's best level of 147p — a premium of 62p over the 85p partly-paid price. Total turnover in the shares reached to 420 million.

Japanese investors were big buyers of the stock, picking up between 140 million and 160 million shares — in excess of the Government's limit of 15 per cent for overseas investors.

Among leaders, ICI fell 29p to £13.96, Jaguar, 15p to 519p, after 514p and Bass, 25p to 998p.

Cadbury Schweppes, the soft drinks and confectionery group, fell 7p to 247p, still recovering from the news of General Cinema's proposals to restructure its debt. Later today, some of the Cadbury board are due to meet a number of US fund managers

Coates Brothers, Britain's biggest producer of printing inks, stood out against the trend yesterday with a rise of 10p to a peak of 282p in the ordinary and 14p to 239p in the "A" non-voting. This latest flurry of activity followed



ALPHA STOCKS

Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000	Company	Volume '000
Allied-Lyons	2,000	English China	453	Rank Org	237
Amstrad	1,800	Fisons	793	Rank Hovis	1,300
Argyll	1,100	Gen Accident	256	Redland	725
ASDA-MFI	3,200	GEC	15,000	Reckitt Colman	274
Ass Br Foods	318	Glaxo	1,700	Reed Int	1,200
BET	737	Globe IT	462	Reuters	786
BTR	1,600	Granada	4,000	RMC Group	114
BAT	2,200	Grand Met	1,700	RTZ	2,000
Barclays	4,700	GUS 'A'	215	Rowntree	1,100
Bass	819	GRE	193	Royal B of Scot	1,500
Beecham	1,800	GKN	3,200	Royal Ins	680
Blue Circle	719	Guinness	7,900	Saatchi	394
BOC	2,800	Hanson	5,500	Sainsbury (J)	1,100
Boots	2,700	Hawker Siddeley	402	Sears	12,000
BPB Ind	145	Hillsdown	2,600	Sedgwick Gp	902
BPCC	812	Imp Chem Ind	1,900	Shell	2,400
Br Aerospace	3,200	Jaguar	4,300	Smith & Nephew	2,200
Br Airways	10,000	Ladbroke	834	STC	2,800
Brit Comm	974	Land Securities	2,200	Stan Chart	1,500
Br Gas	25,000	Legal & Gen	2,900	Storehouse	2,800
Br Petroleum	8,500	Lloyds	7,000	Sun Alliance	423
Br Telecom	5,400	Lonhro	8,900	Tarmac	1,000
Bristol	2,700	Marks & Spencer	3,200	TSB P/P	6,100
Bunzl	540	MEPC	1,400	Tesco	1,400
Burton	2,000	Midland	8,100	Thorn EMI	1,500
Cable & Wireless	3,900	Nat West	11,000	Trafalgar House	1,300
Cadbury Schwep	6,600	Next	1,400	Trusthouse Forte	1,000
Costs Viyella	590	P & O Dfrd	419	Unigate	940
Com Union	1,700	Pearson	943	Unilever	465
Cons Goldfields	2,100	Pilkington Bros	659	Utd Biscuits	729
Cookson Gp	436	Plessey	2,000	Wellcome	1,700
Courtaulds	1,200	Prudential	386	Whitbread 'A'	3,400
Dee Corp	3,600	Racal Elect	4,200	Woolworth	566
Dixons Gp	2,100				

Stock prices on page 29

● **Ward White has sold its entire 5.5 per cent holding in Church & Co, the shoe manufacturer and retailer. The 575,000 shares were placed with three Scottish institutions at about the 470p level by Scrimgeour Vickers, the broker. Ward White is reckoned to have made £500,000 on the stake, which originally cost £2.1 million.**

shareholders' approval for Adelaide Steamship, the Australian investment company owned by Mr John Spalvins, the entrepreneur, to transfer its 20 per cent stake in Coates to Markheath, the property developer.

In return, Adelaide will acquire a 49.6 per cent stake in Markheath. Dealers claim that Mr Spalvins intends to use Markheath as a springboard to launch acquisitions in Britain. Coates is being tipped as its first target.

Bejam, the frozen food retailer, put in a late rise, closing 24p higher at a record 222p, as speculation intensified that a bid was imminent. Whispers in the market have claimed that someone was about to declare a 14 per cent holding in the company any day. The shares have risen by 48p in the past week alone, with dealers staking their money on a bid from the rival **Iceland Frozen Foods.**

Iceland, with a capitalization of £117 million, has been consistently tipped as the most likely suitor for Bejam. Most of its 128 stores are situated in the North-west and South-west, while Bejam trades almost exclusively in the South. Iceland finished 5p higher at 372p.

TEMPUS

RHM steady but still a bid target

Ranks Hovis McDougall's interims were no surprise since they were forecast during the Avana bid. But it is comforting to have confirmation that the core businesses are making steady progress and that the goodies in the Avana larder are as tasty as they looked from afar.

The greatest percentage increase was in general food products where profits jumped 41 per cent to £6.2 million. Acquisitions of Goldrei Foucard and Butterkup Foods, have broadened the product range.

In money terms, the biggest advance was in milling and baking where profits rose £4.6 million to £19.9 million. The return earned from baking was more satisfactory than previously. Other factors were the introduction of new products, more effective marketing and tighter financial control.

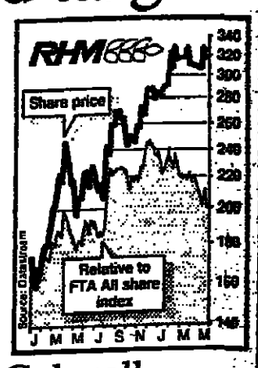
US profits, distorted by the sale of RHM's pasta interests, were lower at £5.1 million compared to £5.4 million last year. The rest of the business grew strongly.

Grocery and packaged cakes increased profits by 14 per cent and 4 per cent respectively.

Looking to the future, RHM will initially bring benefits to Avana from its broader geographical spread and proven marketing strength. Longer-term, there is scope to improve operating efficiencies.

Provisional forecasts for the current year, before the split between shares and cash is known, are about £115 million, showing barely diluted earnings of 23.9p.

The precise intentions of the antipodean shareholders, Fletcher Challenge and Goodman Fielder, are still unknown. This, combined with an overhang of Avana-related shares, is likely to continue to preoccupy the market. In the meantime, if underlying trading continues to improve, the shares are worth holding as a good two-way bet.



Coloroll

Shareholders in Coloroll can be forgiven if they feel a little giddy.

An unremitting diet of acquisitions since the shares came to the market two years ago has transformed what was essentially a manufacturer of wallpaper, valued at £35 million, into a comprehensive supplier of so-called home fashion items valued at £316 million.

The group is the leading supplier of wallcoverings and "filled products" (duvets and pillows) in Britain, with 30 per cent of both markets, and is the largest supplier of mugs with 75 per cent of the market. It is the fourth biggest wallcovering supplier in the US.

The Crown House acquisition has plenty of scope for recovery and has given the group some valuable brand names, although considerable rejuvenation will be needed.

Plans for the future are, as ever, ambitious. The ceramics division is working on a range of lamps while a move into upholstered furniture seems a natural add-on for the textiles division.

Capital expenditure plans of £22.5 million will be funded comfortably from disposal proceeds.

The group should make £27 million this year and the prospective multiple is about 16.5. The rating is predicated on maintaining the faultless growth path.

Brewer's Man Friday

Friday means more to Whitbread than just another day in the week. Add an "s" and make it Friday's, and it is one of the diversified (non-beer) interests with particular potential.

Whitbread thinks that, as a popular "in" restaurant, the expanding Friday's chain could rival the Savoy Grill or the Connaught as a profit-spinner, something Whitbread certainly needs after a letdown in the wine and spirits division, and an uninspiring performance by beer.

Though pretax profit for the year ended February 28 — at £158.9 million against a restated £136.8 million — was generally up to expectations, it is clear that the capital spend in the US is taking time to bring rewards. Wines and spirits operating profits fell 25.6 per cent to £26.5 million.

Brewing and wholesaling, responsible for 49 per cent of group operating profits at £92.4 million, will remain the core profit generator.

But the real progress was made within retailing — which takes in Whitbread Inns, Beefeater, Pizza Hut, Coaching Inns, and Quick — and while the year's contribution rose 24 per cent to £69.4 million, there was an impressive 37 per cent advance in the second half alone.

Whitbread looks set for current-year profits of £180 million to put the shares, 21p weaker at 349p yesterday, on a p/e ratio of 11.8.

For preference, though, go for Bass which, after as-expected interim results of £147.4 million pretax, is on course for £355 million year-end. This year, Bass will have Horizon under its belt to complement its expanding leisure interests. On a weak day, the shares were down 36p at 987p, but should recover in stronger markets.

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Unemployment: the issue with no simple solutions

By Rodney Lord, Economics Editor

The central challenge to the Conservatives in this election is unemployment. If Labour and the SDP-Liberal Alliance are right about being able to cut the numbers out of work by one million within two or three years without unacceptable side effects, their appeal should be a powerful one.

The fate of Labour in 1983 when its proposals, as Roy Hattersley has admitted, were simply unbelievable, has evidently been taken to heart by the opposition parties. They have made a genuine effort to set their policies within a context of financial prudence, and in the case of Labour, ambitions for the unemployed have been lowered. Nevertheless, the prescription remains much the same: a higher level of government borrowing leading to faster expansion in the economy.

The prescriptions of Labour and the Alliance are also very similar. Since Roy Jenkins became their economic supremo, the Alliance's plans for fiscal expansion have actually overtaken Labour's. The Alliance is now planning to borrow an extra £4 billion in the first year, compared with £3 billion for Labour. And unlike Labour it does not intend to reverse the tax cuts of the last Budget, which would give Labour an extra £2.5 billion to finance its programme.

The Alliance plans to continue with a reduced privatization programme, selling off the remainder of British Telecom and British Gas, despite disapproving of their initial sell-off. Under the Alliance, the present estimate for privatization proceeds of £5 billion a year would be reduced by £1 billion a year, but under Labour, it would disappear entirely, adding an immediate £5 billion a year to the public sector borrowing requirement.

This is not as serious as it sounds because without the need to finance the purchase of the water authorities, electricity industry and other privatization issues, the capital markets could more easily finance the equivalent amount of gilts sales. But the two types of call on the markets are not precisely equivalent and it would almost certainly be easier to sell a mix of attractively-priced equity and fixed-interest stock rather than the equivalent in gilts alone.

In comparing the financial prudence of the two opposition parties it is also undeniable that Labour's shopping list is considerably longer and more imaginative than the Alliance's. A Labour chancellor would be under the kind of continuing pressure for higher spending so vividly described by Joel Barnett, Labour's former chief secretary to the Treasury.

Supposing, however, that both Labour and the Alliance stuck to their plans, would they succeed in their target of cutting unemployment by one million? What other effects would such a programme have?

ECONOMIC VIEW

Labour's Policies

Effect of an increase in the PSBR of £3bn, exchange rate fixed

Year	1	2	3	4	5
GDP%	1.4	1.4	1.2	0.9	0.6
Employment (000s)	345	430	450	405	330
Unemployment (000s)	-240	-280	-280	-240	-180
Inflation %	0.1	0.4	0.7	0.6	0.3
Current account (£bn)	-2.1	-3.1	-3.7	-4.0	-4.2

Source: ITEM

The ITEM club, chaired by Mark Cliffe of Capel-Cure Myers, has run a number of simulations on the Treasury's model of the economy which suggest that reducing unemployment by an extra one million over two or three years would be very difficult. In the context of the kind of financial responsibility claimed by the opposition parties, next to impossible.

In accordance with other policy-makers, Labour and the Alliance face a menu of constraints on running the economy faster.

If they choose to keep the exchange rates stable and stop inflation from rising much above its present level, doubling the PSBR as the Alliance intends would imply considerably higher interest rates, in turn slowing down the economy. If exchange rate stability is abandoned, the economy grows faster and unemployment drops further but inflation rises higher.

In principle, if a big enough fiscal boost were given, unemployment could be brought down by at least one million, although economic models become very unreliable predictors when policies are allowed to depart drastically from recent patterns.

But doing that would be incompatible with the opposition parties' other professed aims of not allowing inflation to rise by much and keeping the balance of payments deficit under some sort of control.

The table shows that a £3 billion increase in the PSBR could boost economic growth 1.4 per cent above whatever it would otherwise be in the first year. But after the second year the increase in inflation would start to erode the gain so that by year 5 GDP would be only 0.6 per cent higher than it would otherwise have been.

The same pattern is reflected in employment, the number of extra jobs generated peaking in the third year at about 450,000. This assumes that the boost comes from government spending rather than tax cuts (although in the Treasury model tax cuts actually deliver more jobs by year 5).

Because the population of working age is still increasing and some of the extra jobs would be part-time and filled by people not on the register, the reduction in unemployment is significantly less, peaking at under 300,000. By choosing particularly labour-intensive measures, a Labour government could achieve a larger reduction. But it is stretching belief to suppose it would be anything like one million.

In one important respect the simulation understates the constraints that would operate in the real world because it assumes that interest rates as well as exchange rates remain unchanged. A one-point increase in short-term interest rates could increase the numbers out of work by up to 130,000.

Labour's luke-warm conversion to full membership of the European Monetary System suggests its economic team is fully aware of the potential conflicts arising from its programme of fiscal expansion.

If a Labour government is elected, the gnomes of Brussels look set to take over from the gnomes of Zurich as the demons of the Left and the secret support of beleaguered Treasury ministers.

COMMENT Kenneth Fleet

Citicorp takes the gilt off the gingerbread

The Bank of England does not usually need an excuse to adopt a cautious line on interest rates. But the $2.5 billion Citicorp bad debt provision has introduced a new note of vulnerability, and the April money supply numbers turned up, like a ghost at the feast, to remind us that a strong short-term performance from sterling does not solve everything.

The gilt market, having celebrated its de-coupling from the US bond market, was dragged down by the overnight marking down of US bonds. By the close, gilts were better, but still more than half a point down on the day. The yield gap between London and New York looks to be soundly based: the representative long gilt, Treasury 11¾ per cent 2003/07, is yielding just below 8.9 per cent and the bellwether US Treasury bond, 8¾ per cent 2017, yields 0.2 points more at just under 9.1 per cent. But the scope for a wider gap looks limited.

It has been reasonable to assume that the Federal Open Market Committee, at its deliberations this week, was preparing the ground to lift the discount rate, following the rise in US money rates and prime rates since the beginning of April. But the Fed traditionally is reluctant to lift the discount rate when concerns about banking debt are uppermost in the minds of the market, on the theory that a raising of US interest rates exacerbates the problem.

There was enough in yesterday's money numbers to reinforce the Bank of England's campaign view that base rates have fallen far enough. It may also be the Treasury view. In his speech to the CBI on Tuesday evening, Nigel Lawson claimed that real short-term interest rates in Britain were no longer out of line with the other Group of Seven countries.

A sterling surge could still see the Bank under pressure to let rates fall before the election. But if rates do not come down before June 11, they are unlikely to do so soon afterwards.

A point to note about the money figures: sterling M3, now called plain M3, broke through the 20 per cent barrier in terms of its 12-month growth rate for the first time since the end of 1973. That too was just before a general election, and history records what happened at the poll!

Banks suffer the Brazilian blues

Citicorp's brave gesture of taking its Third World loan-losses where it hurts – on the bottom line – exploded like a bomb in the clearing bank sector. The timing could hardly have been worse: domestic bank shares had been showing signs of a making a comeback after months in the doldrums.

Ironically, part of the incipient recovery was due to growing confidence that Latin American problems were less severe than they appeared. Senhor Dilson Funaro's replacement in Brasilia, Senhor Bresser Pereira, was seen as a more accommodating finance minister. As Midland went into free-fall, that seemed suddenly irrelevant.

The market is not noted for taking a long-term view of bank shares. The clearers will now have to boost their provisions at the interim results' stage in July. With the Bank of England seizing the opportunity to press even more strongly its case for higher provisions, they can hardly do otherwise. In the short-term profits will be lowered: in the longer-term, however, healthier provisioning should make them stronger institutions.

The question that the market is asking, is how will the banks carry out their provisioning. The game of switching general provisions into the untaxed, specific provision is now more or less played-out for most banks. They have little switchable sovereign-debt provisions left in the general category, although new provisions would be counted as specific.

More important, is where the new provisions will come from. Barclays and National Westminster each has under £3 billion in loans to Latin America and the highest level of provisions against them. They could probably afford, out of retained profits, a massive (£400 million) one-off provision to give them the same proportion of provisions to loans as Citicorp.

It would, of course, leave them little with which to pay higher dividends. Lloyds and Midland, with higher exposure to Latin America and lower provisioning levels, would have a harder time. They would find it impossible to cover their Latin American loans at one blow out of retained profits. The alternative for them – and perhaps for all banks – would be to use their reserves.

Using reserves would naturally have an impact on the banks' capital ratios. The most recent Bank of England report and accounts show that ratios have improved considerably in the last few years – ignoring the adverse but invisible effects of off-balance sheet business. But the improvement is largely the result of intensive capital-raising – a process which may now have to start again.

The perpetual floating-rate note market is no longer an option for raising primary capital. So the answer, presumably, is equity in the form of rights issues or convertible Euro-issues. No wonder the banking sector looked pained yesterday.

PWS Holdings price steady on £4.5m half-time profits

By John Bell, City Editor

Shares of PWS Holdings, the insurance broker, held steady in weak stock markets yesterday on news of a 30 per cent increase in half-time profits to £4.5 million. The advance was achieved despite dollar weakness, which, says PWS, had a significant effect on profits and reduced brokerage income by £600,000.

Results from the North American division, formerly part of the Howard Group which merged with PWS last year, suffered both from the weaker dollar and difficult market conditions. Mr Ronnie Ben-Zur, the group's chief executive, said these factors meant the division made no contribution to growth in the half year. He gave a warning that they were likely to affect the results of the division in the second half.

The division remained "highly profitable" and there were indications of market improvement. "There are signs of increased capacity in the market without any softening of rates and we think there will eventually be more business done," said Mr Ben-Zur.

The international facultative and treaty divisions performed well. The growth of the facultative side (dealing with large single risks) had translated into immediate profits. Profits from the treaty side should improve in the second half and especially next year. "These divisions should be able to continue their excellent performance into the next half and further," said the company.

The accounts have been restated on a merger-accounting basis as if the Howard and PWS operations had been merged throughout the period. Shareholders are to receive an interim dividend of 3.5p which, after adjusting for the changes of last year, represents an increase of 13 per cent. Earnings per share rose by 37 per cent to 14.8p.

PWS shares advanced 1p to 324p yesterday. Analysts are looking for full-year profits of about £9 million, giving earnings per share of 29p.

Arabs ask Opec to hold oil price

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

Calls by the Western oil companies and consumers for a period of stable prices appear to have been answered by the leading Arab producing nations.

Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates, who control more than half the world's oil reserves, are to ask the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec) to continue its present agreement on prices and output.

The Opec meeting, due in Vienna on June 25, has to set a price and output level for the rest of the year.

The Arab nations have now said they are prepared to seek an agreement that the present marker price of $18 a barrel and the output quota system be left unchanged.

The Opec production target level is 16.6 million barrels a day during the third quarter of this year, and 18.3 million in the fourth. A limiting of production during these quarters, when winter demand starts to rise, would probably have the effect of driving market prices beyond the Opec marker price.

This would effectively increase dollar earnings – all oil is traded in dollars – and help compensate for the losses the Opec nations have faced so far this year because of the weaker dollar.

Visitors to the capital generate £4.7bn income

By Teresa Poole, Business Correspondent

British visitors to London outnumber overseas visitors by about three to two, but are much meaner than the foreigners, according to a survey published yesterday by the London Tourist Board.

Last summer, visitors spent an average £24 a day – ranging from £35 for North Americans to £19, the lowest, for Britons – on top of accommodation costs.

The average spent by all visitors on commercial accommodation was £23, but, for independent travellers, this varied from nearly £49 a night in a first-class hotel to under £16 at the cheap end.

Another study showed that tourism generated £4.7 billion of income for London in 1985 and 210,000 jobs. The LTB forecasts a substantial increase in tourist spending by the early 1990s.

The Economic Impact of Tourism in London and *Visitor Expenditure in London*, from the London Tourist Board, 26 Grosvenor Gardens, London, SW1 ODU, £20 together.

Avon Rubber boosts interims to £5.4m

By Alexandra Jackson

Pretax profits at Avon Rubber, the industrial polymers, tyres and inflatable craft group, jumped from £2.4 million to £5.4 million in the half year to the beginning of April.

The favourable completion of two defence contracts accounted for about £1 million of this increase, with the balance reflecting good progress in the rest of the business.

Turnover was 2 per cent up but underlying growth was 15 per cent ahead after stripping out the effect of businesses no longer part of the group. A dividend increase of 20 per cent to 3p was recommended.

An extraordinary charge of £3.3 million before tax relief (£2.3 million net) was incurred to cover the cost of redundancy and rationalization at the group's plants at Melksham and Chippenham, Wiltshire. This will rise to £6.3 million gross in the full year.

Some benefits from this reorganization will be felt in the second half but the biggest gains will come through next year.

PROFITS UP 16%
IN ANOTHER
YEAR OF RECORD
INVESTMENT

Whitbread & Company PLC announces another outstanding year of achievement. Highlights of the financial year ending 28th February 1987 include:

- Profits before tax up to £158·9m, an increase of 16·2% on last year.
- Total Dividend of 8·90 pence per share, up 14·1% on total dividend last year.
- Over £200 million capital investment.

Whitbread opened, on average, more than 2 new retail outlets, mostly restaurants, off-licences and hotels, each week.

We opened refurbished Whitbread pubs at the rate of nearly 2 per day.

- Rapid expansion in retailing – retail profits up 25%.

Profits from Whitbread's 1,500 managed pubs and from the distinctive retailing concepts such as Beefeater Restaurants, Pizza Hut, Threshers and Country Club Hotels all showed significant growth.

- Increased UK beer market share.

Lager sales now account for 49% of Whitbread's own beer sales in the UK.

Heineken showed continued growth and Stella Artois outperformed the competition in the premium lager sector.

Ale brands, particularly Flowers and Whitbread Best Bitter, increased share in a slightly declining market.

- Wines and spirits gains.

Whitbread's wines and spirits performed well in Western Europe and increased share in the difficult US market.

"The new investments we are making in the business are considerable and the prospects for growth are extremely encouraging."

Sam Whitbread
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Capital idea for cabbies

More than two dozen London taxi cabs now have telephones. Peter Pledger, managing director of Capital Taxifone, began installing the Racal Vodafones on Monday and expects to have 1,000 taxifones in operation by the end of the year – rising to 5,000 within three years. "Of the 16,000 black cabs in London, 10,000 are owner-users and they are queueing up to have phones fitted," he says from his Southwark office. "The problem is actually getting them off the road to have them put in – which takes about three hours." Pledger, who will receive an initial £3 million in equity funding from venture capital group Alan Patrikoff, has developed a scheme whereby drivers are paid rent for having the phone on board, equal to the cost of leasing the equipment. So it costs the drivers nothing and gives them a tax benefit plus 15 per cent commission on calls. Capital Taxifone takes the profit on the calls. The cost to the public ranges from 27p for the first 12 seconds to 135p for a full minute and you will be able to pay for call and fare by cash or credit card. Pledger also plans to give drivers shares in his company which, he says, should convert into a £3,000 or £4,000 investment in 1990, when he hopes to float on the USM.

Tight purse

The Royal Household at Buckingham Palace is, it seems, far from generous in the salary stakes. While rank-and-file secretaries all over London can easily command between £10,000 and £15,000 a year, Her Majesty's Privy Purse Office is, in an advertisement in *The Times*, offering just £7,987 for a confidential personal secretary, rising to £9,780 with annual increments. Perks, however, include free lunches and parking – something you would be hard pushed to find elsewhere in the West End.



"You can't believe everything you're offered by the newspapers"

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

End of a golden era

Illusions are shattered every day. Who do you imagine attends that quaint ceremony enacted twice daily since 1919 at Rothschild's called the London gold fix, and where mini-Union Jacks are waved to signify trading positions? Not, as I always assumed, senior partners, but their trading clerks. The seniors are only wheeled out, it seems, for photographic sessions. And how do the bullion houses move those lovely gold bars around the City? In the old days it was by horse and cart. Then by taxi, hailed at random in the street, until one day a load was so heavy it fell through the taxi floor. Today, they largely remain on the vault floors and simply have their name tags changed. What a dull place the City is becoming.

No more for MORI

If estate agents tried to charge more than 2 per cent commission, the nation would squeal. Yet the average cost of a medium-sized flotation on the stock market is now a staggering 27 per cent of the amount raised. Bob Worcester, chairman of opinion poll group MORI, will be attacking the "cosy-cartel" atmosphere of the City at a 3i conference today. He aborted an attempt last December to float MORI on the USM because of the excessive cost, the bandwagon of advisers and because he could not stomach phrases like "fat on the back" and instructions to "leave something for our friends". "You start with a stockbroker and before you know it, you've got bankers, solicitors, accountants, ad men and PRs in tow," he says. "Then they want you to set shares aside for their favoured institutional "friends" and to undersell yourself so there's a quick profit in it for everyone else." The disillusioned American ended up at 3i where it cost him just £10,000 to raise £2.5 million.

● The privatization of British Telecom seems to have brought about a return to Victorian standards, if not principles. An Irish visitor to London, wishing to send a congratulatory telegram to her family in Cork, was told that relaying the four-word message would take three days, and cost £8. On second thoughts, it would probably have been faster in Queen Victoria's day.

Sign at Simon

Could it be that predators are again eyeing Simon Engineering? AE exile Mike Hurn has, in just a few weeks, landed himself a job as director of group publicity at Simon. His appointment comes hot on the heels of former AE finance director David Allday's arrival at Bridon – which has been tipped as a takeover target ever since. Is Simon aware that it could be following a precedent? "There have been a few jokes doing the rounds," admits Hurn, who started his new job this week.

Carol Leonard

APPOINTMENTS

Granville: Mr Andrew Merrilam joins the board of Granville Trust. Mr Guy Eastman, Mr Robert Schiff, Miss Wendy Pollecoff and Mr David King become assistant directors of Granville. Mr David Webb is made a director of Granville Investment Management.

Travers Smith Braithwaite: Mr David Adams, Mr Christopher Hale, Mr Neil Murray and Mr Robert Quayle have joined the partnership.

Aitken Hume International: Mr John Cosson is appointed chief executive of the banking group.

Courtaulds Textiles: Mr JM Taylor has been made managing director from June 1 and will join the board as an executive director. He succeeds Mr JA Nightingale.

Coal Industry Society: Mr WA Dunn is made chairman and Mr CJ Troup is appointed vice-chairman.

Athena International: Mr Peter Larder becomes marketing director.

Trimoco: Mr Roger Smith will succeed Mr James Longcroft as chairman.

H Young Holdings: Mr Stephen Evans joins the board as a non-executive director.

Maccess: Mr James Corr becomes finance director.

Cameron Markby: Mr Roy Lecky-Thompson is made personnel director.

Midland Montagu Fund Managers: Mr David Puddle joins the board.

Dibb Lupton: Mr Nigel Dickson and Mr Tim Pope become commercial partners in the insolvency department.

Land Securities: Mr Harold Ivor Connick becomes a non-executive director, Mr William Mathieson is made an executive director and Mr Ian James Henderson becomes an executive director.

Ince & Co: Mr David Rutherford, Mr Anthony Fitzsimmons, Mr Ian Chetwood, Mr Simon Latham and Mr Paul Herring join the partnership.

Terminal Display Systems: Mr Mike Lawton has been appointed managing director.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Jul	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Puts Jul	Puts Oct	Puts Jan
Allied Lyons (*424)	360	65	75	85	1½	6	10
	390	40	50	60	8	12	16
	420	22	40	50	22	27	30
British Gas (*109)	80	30½	33½	—	½	1	—
	90	22	25½	32	¼	2½	5½
	100	14	20	27	3½	7	9
British Airways (*159)	130	24	28	—	2	4	—
	140	17	20	49	6	9	11
	160	8	12	19	19	22	24
BP (*339)	317	39	47	—	6	17	—
	330	27	37	47	13	23	27
	360	15	24	33	33	38	42
Bristol (*268)	220	54	59	65	2	4	7
	240	40	47	54	6	13	16
	260	26	37	45	15	20	24
Cons Gold (*1140)	950	202	220	237	8	22	27
	1000	160	182	205	15	30	42
	1050	125	154	175	30	42	57
Courtaulds (*461)	360	102	112	—	1	4	—
	390	74	90	98	4	8	12
	420	48	67	76	10	16	24
	460	23	38	46	18	25	38
Com Union (*334)	300	43	53	58	4	7	10
	330	23	38	43	12	17	20
	360	8	18	23	27	34	37
Cable & Wire (*409)	300	115	—	—	1	—	—
	330	85	93	108	3	4	10
	360	58	73	85	7	11	22
	390	34	53	63	14	23	32
GEC (*228)	200	32	38	46	2	7	9
	220	20	27	35	6	14	17
	240	11	18	25	20	23	27
Grand Met (*552)	420	112	118	130	1	2	2
	460	72	83	97	2	6	10
	500	40	53	70	10	15	20
	550	12	25	45	35	40	45
ICI (*1396)	1350	103	137	175	27	55	63
	1400	73	108	147	48	75	83
	1450	47	85	122	75	102	107
	1500	25	64	—	107	130	—
Land Securities (*498)	390	108	115	125	2	3	7
	420	78	87	97	2	7	13
	460	42	55	68	7	15	23
Marks & Span (*252)	200	56	62	70	1	2	4
	220	36	45	52	2	4	7
	240	21	31	38	6	12	16

	Series	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Shell Trans (*1294)	1150	170	192	—	2	12	—
	1200	128	157	188	8	22	32
	1250	92	130	152	23	37	50
Trafalgar House (*361)	300	67	75	84	2	5	7
	330	37	48	59	6	13	18
	360	20	30	41	16	25	31
TSB (*89)	70	21	24	—	1	1½	—
	80	12½	16½	19	1½	3	3½
	90	5	10½	14	5	6½	9
Woolworth (*864)	750	135	160	180	4	12	15
	800	85	110	135	14	25	30
	850	55	80	100	35	50	55

	Series	Jun	Oct	Jan	Jun	Oct	Jan
Bass (*990)	900	95	120	150	6	17	35
	950	55	88	120	25	40	55
	1000	25	58	75	50	65	80
GKN (*324)	280	48	55	—	2	5	—
	300	29	39	49	4	12	13
	330	13	24	33	15	22	25
	360	4	16	22	37	41	43
Jaguar (*515)	550	11	33	55	40	50	60
	600	3	15	35	87	90	97
	650	1	10	—	137	142	—

	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Amstrad (*206)	180	32	38	47	4	7	10
	200	16	25	35	8	12	18
	220	7	17	26	19	24	28
Beecham (*507)	460	53	67	78	6	16	22
	500	24	44	55	21	32	40
	550	6	23	34	57	62	68
	600	2	12	21	105	105	105
Boots (*314)	280	35	46	54	3	9	14
	300	19	31	41	9	15	21
	330	6	18	28	25	29	33
BTR (*320)	300	28	38	45	4	11	14
	330	9	23	29	17	25	27
	360	3	12	19	42	43	45
Blue Circle (*908)	800	115	130	155	1	6	17
	850	65	88	117	4	13	27
	900	33	55	80	23	37	48
De Beers (*1300)	1100	240	275	300	22	34	47
	1200	170	210	245	34	45	80
	1300	100	160	190	57	95	130
	1400	50	105	150	125	165	200
Dixons (*366)	351	42	54	—	3	7	—

	Series	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Dixons contd	360	—	—	60	—	—	18
	381	20	34	—	11	20	—
Glaxo (*1575)	1400	200	250	275	7	25	42
	1450	150	210	240	13	37	55
	1500	110	175	205	22	53	72
	1550	80	150	180	40	70	92
Hanson (*166)	135	33½	38	—	1	1	—
	150	19	24½	—	1	4½	—
	165	8	15	—	5½	10	—
	180	2½	8	13½	16	19	20½
Sears (*166)	130	37	39	42½	½	1½	2
	140	27	31	34	1½	4	6
	160	8	16	19½	5	7½	11
Tesco (*522)	420	105	115	—	1	2	—
	460	65	78	97	3	5	7
	500	33	55	68	12	22	25
Thorn EMI (*688)	550	147	152	—	2	3	—
	600	97	107	127	2	8	13
	650	55	67	92	10	22	27
	700	24	42	60	30	46	47
THF (*243)	220	26	35	42	1½	6	9
	240	13	23	32	6	14	17
	260	7	13	20	23	28	29

	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Brit Aero (*630)	600	35	70	88	2	23	37
	650	6	43	60	25	50	60
	700	1½	25	37	70	80	90
BAT Inds (*545)	420	128	138	—	1	1½	—
	460	88	100	110	1	4	8
	500	48	67	80	1	11	17
	550	8	37	50	11	28	35
Brit Telecom (*302)	280	22	32	42	1	7	13
	300	7	21	31	5	18	21
	330	1	11	19	30	37	39
Cadbury Schwpps (*246)	240	9	23	29	3	9	16
	260	1½	13	23	17	23	26
	280	½	6	—	37	40	—
Guinness (*358)	300	60	70	76	½	4	6
	330	30	45	53	½	8	13
	360	6½	27	42	9	25	32
Ladbroke (*415)	373	45	60	—	2	7	—
	403	17	43	55	4	20	28
	443	1½	21	35	32	38	43
LASMO (*266)	260	10	31	41	5	17	24
	280	3	23	31	17	29	34
	300	1	15	21	36	39	46

	Series	Calls Jun	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Puts Jun	Puts Sep	Puts Dec
Plessey (*231)	220	12	25	30	2	10	13
	240	2	14	20	11	20	24
	260	⅛	6	14	32	34	40
P & O (*667)	550	120	133	147	½	2	3
	600	70	85	102	1	5	10
	650	20	25	68	3	17	27
Racal (*251)	220	31	41	48	1	5	8
	240	12	27	35	2	12	16
	260	3	15	23	11	20	24
RTZ (*1119)	900	222	237	252	3	5	11
	950	172	190	207	3	7	17
	1000	122	157	165	3	15	30
	1050	72	122	137	5	26	45
Vaal Reef (*141)	130	11	20½	24	1	8	10½
	140	5½	15	18½	5	12½	17
	150	1	11	14½	12½	18½	21½

	Series	May	Aug	Dec	May	Aug	Dec
Barclays (*555)	500	60	82	95	2	10	15
	550	15	45	60	12	30	45
	600	2	18	25	50	62	65
Midland Bank (*652)	600	55	80	95	3	12	22
	650	17	52	72	15	33	40
	700	4	28	47	52	62	67

	Series	Jun	Sep	Dec	Jun	Sep	Dec
Lonrho (*301)	200	104	108	—	1	1½	—
	218	86	90	—	1½	2	—
	236	68	72	76	2	3½	3½
	255	49	54	58	2	5½	7
	273	32	38	45	4	8	11

	Series	May	Aug	Nov	May	Aug	Nov
Tr 11¾% 1991 (*2109)	106	37/32	3¼	3⅝	1/16	9/16	15/16
	108	1 9/32	1 25/32	2 1/32	1/16	1	1⅛
	110	7/16	29/32	1 1/16	1	2⅛	2¾
	112	1/16	½	7/16	3	3⅝	4½
Tr 11¾% 03/07 (*2124)	118	5⅝	6¾	7 9/16	1/16	1 1/16	1 29/32
	120	3⅜	5⅞	6¾	1/16	1⅝	2⅞
	122	2⅜	4⅛	5⅛	⅛	2⅜	3 5/16
	124	1 1/16	3⅛	4⅝	⅛	3 5/16	4 9/16
	126	5/32	2 1/16	3¼	2⅜	4 1/16	5⅛

		May	Jun	Jul	Aug	May	Jun	Jul	Aug
FT-SE Index (*2171)	1850	330	—	—	—	½	—	—	—
	1900	280	305	315	—	½	4	9	—
	1950	230	255	270	—	1	7	15	—
	2000	180	210	230	255	1½	12	27	36
	2050	130	165	193	220	2	20	38	42
	2100	85	125	160	175	5	28	45	52
	2150	53	97	128	152	17	48	65	80
	2200	28	67	95	115	40	65	82	105

British Airways Plc announces pre-tax profits of £162 million.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 1987

	1986/87 £m	1985/86 £m
Turnover	**3263**	**3149**
Airline Operating Surplus		
1st 6 months	151	205
2nd 6 months	32	NIL
Total for Year	183	205
Profit Before Taxation	**162**	**195**
Profit after tax	148	193
Extraordinary items	4	(12)
Profits available for distribution	152	181
Dividends payable (1986 £0.4m)	(30)	–
Transferred to Reserves	122	181
Earnings per share	**20.5p**	**26.8p**

As stated in the Offer for Sale its Directors will pay a dividend of 4.116p per share on 31.7.87 to shareholders registered on 11 June.
NOTES The following specific points should be noted:
☐ 1. The airline operating surplus for 1986/87 is, after charging £16m for severance, a similar figure to the prior year.
☐ 2. The cost of the public share offer amounted to £11m of which £10m had been provided in prior years.
☐ 3. There is a Corporation Tax charge on the profits for the year of £43m. This has been offset by £25m of ACT previously paid and written off and a provision of £15m which was made in 1984/85 as a result of the transfer of staff to the new pension scheme. This results in a net charge for the year of £3m. In addition £11m has been provided for deferred tax.
The above statement of results does not comprise the full accounts. Copies of the full accounts for the year ended 31 March 1986 have been, and those for the year ended 31 March 1987 will be, filed with the Registrar of Companies. The auditors have issued unqualified audit reports on the accounts for both years.

Commentary on 1986/87

The volume of scheduled airline traffic in 1986/87 increased over that for the previous year by 1.5% in terms of passengers and was unchanged in Revenue Passenger Kilometres. The incidents in Chernobyl and Libya had serious adverse effects on traffic during the early summer months. Following a variety of marketing initiatives, business recovered in late summer and this trend continued in the rest of the year. Cargo measured in Revenue Tonne Kilometres increased by 7.0%.

Passenger load factor was 67% compared with 68% a year ago. Yields are little changed from 1985/86. Overall airline revenue increased by 1% from £2795m to £2827m.

The Airline Operating Surplus fell from £205m to £183m and pre-tax profits from £195m to £162m. However this is £17m higher than the forecast in the Offer for Sale issued in January 1987. In the last three months of the year fuel prices were lower and traffic carried was higher than included in the forecast.

Fuel prices have been lower throughout the year and the total cost in sterling amounted to £371m compared to £570m in the previous year. Staff costs have increased from £638m to £722m principally due to higher pay rates and overtime. Staff numbers however increased by 1% and productivity was maintained.

Operating lease costs increased from £61m to £86m due to additional Boeing 747 and 757 aircraft.

The staff profit sharing plan will pay out just under two weeks.

During the year net loan repayments amounted to £65m. With the strengthening of sterling, borrowings reduced by £17m and now stand at £297m. Net worth (share capital and reserves) is now £605m including £122m transferred to Reserves from the current year and the debt:equity ratio is 33:67 compared with 44:56.

The Future

British Airways today is one of the more efficient, profitable and successful airlines in the world. Our standard of customer service is high, and our growing financial strength, combined with our newly won independence, gives us the opportunity to exploit for the first time the full potential of the company.

Nevertheless, let me add a note of warning. While British Airways holds an enviable place in the front rank of the world's international airlines, we see a need for a much greater understanding in Britain of the scale of competition that we face from the United States, European and Far Eastern airlines.

If we are to maintain and increase our strength – and it is in the interests of the country and our customers, as well as of the company, that we should do so – then we must ensure that there are no externally imposed restrictions on our growth. We look to the future with confidence provided we are allowed to operate in an environment of free and fair competition.

King of Wartnaby. Chairman

The Annual General Meeting will be held at the Royal Albert Hall on 29 June 1987. The Directors Report and Accounts will be posted to shareholders in early June. For further information please contact: Investor Relations, British Airways Plc, (5229), PO Box 10, Heathrow Airport, Hounslow TW6 2JA.

BRITISH AIRWAYS
Britain's highest flying company.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

	Market rates day's range May 20	Market rates close May 20	1 month	3 months
N York	1.6825-1.6890	1.6825-1.6835	0.16-0.13prem	0.40-0.35prem
Montreal	2.2640-2.2759	2.2640-2.2670	0.07pm-0.03dis	0.01pm-0.77dis
Ams'dam	3.3581-3.3696	3.3581-3.3636	1-¾prem	3-2¾prem
Brussels	61.70-62.00	61.70-61.82	10-4prem	30-19prem
C'pngen	11.2072-11.2555	11.2072-11.2307	1½-2¼dis	56-65dis
Dublin	1.1131-1.2088	1.1145-1.1755	21-27dis	37½-3½prem
Frankfurt	2.9830-2.9971	2.9830-2.9873	1⅝-1⅛prem	367-456dis
Lisbon	232.62-234.43	232.62-233.60	104-158dis	364-452dis
Madrid	208.40-209.44	208.40-208.85	98-151dis	4-11dis
Milan	2158.01-2169.70	2158.01-2162.60	2-4dis	16¼-17dis
Oslo	11.0709-11.1254	11.0709-11.0843	5¼-6¼dis	1prem-¼dis
Paris	9.9755-10.0073	9.9755-9.9898	⅝prem-⅛dis	3¼-4¼dis
St'kholm	10.4486-10.4867	10.4488-10.4568	1-1¼dis	3-2¾prem
Tokyo	235.07-235.95	235.07-235.47	1-⅝prem	2¾-2¼prem
Vienna	20.82-21.03	20.92-20.95	8¼-7½prem	23¼-21¼prem
Zurich	2.4415-2.4521	2.4415-2.4455	1¼-1prem	3-2¼prem

Sterling index compared with 1975 was down at 73.7 (day's range 73.7-73.8).

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	2.6844-2.6962
Australia dollar	2.3306-2.3337
Bahrain dinar	0.6346-0.6385
Brazil cruzado*	53.22-53.52
Cyprus pound	0.7885-0.7965
Finland marka	7.2524-7.2652
Greece drachma	222.11-223.09
Hong Kong dollar	13.1567-13.1662
India rupee	21.19-21.33
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4588-0.4608
Malaysia dollar	4.1619-4.1661
Mexico peso	2070.0-2120.0
New Zealand dollar	2.9081-2.9149
Saudi Arabia riyal	6.3075-6.3475
Singapore dollar	3.5665-3.5704
S Africa rand (fin)	5.2985-5.3866
S Africa rand (com)	3.3452-3.3539
U A E dirham	6.1800-6.2200

*Lloyds Bank

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.5125-1.5140
Singapore	2.1145-2.1155
Malaysia	2.4880-2.4890
Australia	0.7225-0.7230
Canada	1.3440-1.3450
Sweden	6.2100-6.2150
Norway	6.5825-6.5875
Denmark	6.6625-6.6675
West Germany	1.7715-1.7725
Switzerland	1.4523-1.4533
Netherlands	1.9955-1.9965
France	5.9240-5.9290
Japan	139.70-139.80
Italy	1283.0-1284.0
Belgium(Comm)	36.59-36.72
Hong Kong	7.8035-7.8045
Portugal	137.60-138.10
Spain	124.05-124.15
Austria	12.45-12.47

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Est Vol
Three Month Sterling					
Jun 87	91.50	91.95	91.00	n.a	575
Sep 87	91.39	91.39	91.23	91.23	2368
Dec 87	91.14	91.14	91.06	91.01	307
Mar 88	90.90	90.90	90.84	90.82	107
Jun 88	90.74	90.74	90.60	90.61	42
Sep 88	90.57	90.57	90.57	90.44	10
Dec 88	NT	—	—	90.34	0
Mar 89	NT	—	—	90.17	0
				Previous day's total open interest 25805	
Three Month Eurodollar					
Jun 87	92.27	92.36	92.27	92.34	2440
Sep 87	91.59	91.66	91.56	91.62	8554
Dec 87	91.17	91.21	91.10	91.17	1088
Mar 88	90.90	90.93	90.84	90.89	424
Jun 88	90.67	90.57	90.60	90.68	22
Sep 88	NT	—	—	90.54	0
Dec 88	NT	—	—	90.39	0
Mar 89	NT	—	—	90.24	0
				Previous day's total open interest 30998	
US Treasury Bond					
Jun 87	87-11	88-03	86-30	87-22	11062
Sep 87	86-15	86-28	85-31	86-24	277
Dec 87	NT	—	—	85-25	0
				Previous day's total open interest 5394	
Short Gilt					
Jun 87	NT	—	—	—	
Sep 87	NT	—	—	—	
Dec 87	NT	—	—	—	
				Previous day's total open interest 0	
Long Gilt					
Jun 87	125-31	126-23	125-22	125-26	38991
Sep 87	126-00	126-12	125-21	125-23	497
Dec 87	NT	—	—	125-12	0
				Previous day's total open interest 31683	
FT-SE 100					
Jun 87	221.80	221.80	219.50	220.30	1721
Sep 87	224.80	224.80	223.40	223.80	56
				Previous day's total open interest 5185	

SUN ALLIANCE INSURANCE GROUP

SUN ALLIANCE AND LONDON INSURANCE plc

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of Sun Alliance and London Insurance plc was held yesterday at the Head Office of the Company in Bartholomew Lane, London E.C.2.

Mr. H. U. A. Lambert, the Chairman, presided and in addressing the Meeting stated –

"As you will know, we do not publish quarterly results but it is our practice at the Annual General Meeting to give shareholders an indication of our experience in the first quarter. I would again caution that the estimated results for one quarter alone do not provide a reliable guide to the likely outcome for the full year.

For the third successive year, as I reported in my Statement, our home results have been badly affected by severe winter conditions and, including the windstorm in March, the total weather claims are estimated to have cost over £75M compared with £41M last year. Although the impact of these weather losses has resulted in a somewhat larger underwriting loss than for the first quarter in 1986 the underlying improvement has continued.

There have also been encouraging improvements in the results from a number of overseas territories.

Investment income and life profits have again shown good growth and overall, in contrast to 1986, the first quarter has, I am pleased to say, produced a small pre-tax profit."

A Vote of Thanks to the Chairman, Directors and Staff was proposed by Mr. Evelyn de Rothschild.

The Royal Bank of Scotland plc

Revolving Budget Accounts

The Royal Bank of Scotland announces that with effect from 21 May 1987 the rate of interest charged on overdrawn balances will be reduced from 22% to 19% p.a., and the net rate of interest paid on credit balances will be reduced from 5.98% to 3.5% p.a.

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Underwoods	Drapery,Stores	
2	Dunhill	Drapery,Stores	
3	FKI Elect	Electricals	
4	Bnerley Inv	Industrials A-D	
5	Wholesale Fittings	Electricals	
6	Bodycote	Industrials A-D	
7	Iceland Frozen	Foods	
8	Carclo Eng	Industrials A-D	
9	Ward Hldgs	Building,Roads	
10	Scantronic	Electricals	
11	Macro 4	Electricals	
12	Ashley	Industrials A-D	
13	Cap Group	Electricals	
14	Plastic Constr	Industrials L-R	
15	Cantors 'A'	Drapery,Stores	
16	Jardine Math	Industrials E-K	
17	Barrow Hepburn	Industrials A-D	
18	Jarvis (J) & Sons	Building,Roads	
19	Borthwick	Foods	
20	Unigate (aa)	Foods	
21	Gordon Russell	Industrials E-K	
22	Salvesen (Chstn)	Foods	
23	Estates Prop	Property	
24	BETEC	Industrials A-D	
25	EIS	Industrials E-K	
26	Norcros	Industrials L-R	
27	Heywood Williams	Building,Roads	
28	Silentnight	Industrials S-Z	
29	Clifford's Dairies	Foods	
30	Ruberoid	Building,Roads	
31	NMC Inv	Industrials L-R	
33	Stag Furniture	Industrials S-Z	
33	Jourdan (Thomas)	Industrials E-K	
34	Dee (aa)	Foods	
35	Domino	Electricals	
36	Cohen (A)	Industrials A-D	
37	Woodside	Oil & Gas	
38	Glynwed	Industrials E-K	
39	Triton Europe	Oil & Gas	
40	Telfos	Industrials S-Z	
41	Church	Drapery,Stores	
42	Eastern Prod	Industrials E-K	
43	Utd Newspapers	Newspapers,Pub	
44	Riley Leisure	Leisure	

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Weekly Dividend

Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £8,000 in Saturday's newspaper.

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	Weekly Total

BRITISH FUNDS

1987 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'nge	Int. mthly yield%	Gross Red. yield%

SHORTS (Under Five Years)

99¼	97	Treas 3%	1987	99⅝	3.0	7.277
102⅛	99½	Treas 12¾	1987	101⅛	11.6	6.276
99¼	97⅛	Treas 7¾%	1988-88	99⅛	7.8	9.203
102⅛	96	Exch 10¼%	1988	101⅝	10.3	8.415
101⅜	98⅞	Treas 9¾%	1988	100⅛	9.8	8.533
99⅝	96⅞	Treas 3%	1978-88	99½	3.1	6.336
101⅜	98	Treas 9¾%	1989	101⅛	9.4	8.568
104⅛	99½	Treas 11¾%	1989	104⅛	11.0	8.619
108	100	Exch 10¾%	1989	104⅝	10.6	8.615
105¼	98⅝	Treas 12%	1989	104⅝	11.4	8.599
103⅛	96⅝	Exch 11%	1989	104⅛	10.9	8.673
105	97⅛	Treas 9%	1989-88	99½	8.6	7.583
102⅛	96⅝	Treas C9¾%	1989	101⅛	9.1	8.629
94⅛	88⅜	Treas 3%	1989	94½	3.2	5.973
111	105¼	Treas 13%	1990	109¼	11.8	8.707
108½	98	Exch 12¼%	1990	105⅝	10.4	8.701
114	102⅝	Exch 12¾%	1990	109⅜	11.4	8.667
99⅛	94⅛	Treas 3%	1990	94⅝	3.3	6.114
100	93⅛	Treas 8¼%	1987-90	99⅛	8.3	8.342
105	97⅛	Treas 9%	1990-88	100⅝	8.6	8.855
98⅛	89⅝	Exch 9¾%	1990	99⅛	9.6	8.858
110⅜	98⅝	Treas C10%	1990	108⅛	10.6	8.756
110⅝	100⅛	Treas 11¼%	1991	109⅜	10.6	8.579
99	89⅛	Treas 3%	1991	95⅛	3.4	6.108

FIVE TO FIFTEEN YEARS

115⅛	107⅜	Treas 12¾%	1992	115⅛	11.1	8.721
106⅛	85¼	Treas 10%	1992	105⅛	9.5	8.500
109⅛	98⅛	Treas C10½%	1992	107⅛	10.7	8.739
115⅛	100⅝	Exch 12¼%	1992	114	11.3	8.675
121	108⅛	Exch 13½%	1992	119⅝	11.8	8.675
107⅛	96⅜	Treas 10%	1993	105⅞	9.5	8.583
119⅛	101	Treas 12¾%	1993	118⅛	11.1	8.916
99⅛	87⅜	Fund 3%	1993	98⅛	3.1	6.917
125⅜	113⅝	Treas 13¾%	1993	123⅝	11.1	8.916
129⅜	113½	Treas 14¼%	1994	118⅝	10.5	9.000
120⅛	103⅜	Exch 13¼%	1994	118⅝	11.0	8.982
124⅛	113⅛	Exch 13¾%	1994	122⅜	11.0	8.722
103⅛	91½	Treas 9%	1994	101⅝	8.9	8.872
118⅛	106⅝	Treas 12%	1995	116⅛	10.3	9.012
85⅝	75⅛	Gas 3%	1990-95	81⅞	3.7	6.569
109⅛	97⅛	Exch 10¼%	1995	107⅛	9.6	8.991
123⅛	111⅛	Treas 12¼%	1995	122	10.0	9.143
130⅛	117⅛	Treas 14%	1996	128⅝	10.9	9.053
102⅝	89⅛	Treas 9%	1996-99	101⅞	8.8	8.824
136⅛	123⅛	Treas 13%	1996	134⅝	11.1	8.054
127⅜	114⅛	Exch 13½%	1996	125⅞	10.5	8.937
88	80	Rdmpt 3%	1986-96	84⅝	3.5	6.911
109⅛	96⅝	Conv 10%	1996	106⅝	9.4	8.983
128⅜	115⅝	Treas 12¾%	1997	125⅝	10.2	8.993
111⅞	98⅛	Exch 10¼%	1997	109⅝	9.4	8.972
101	88⅛	Treas 8¾%	1997	99	8.8	8.847
101	89⅝	Treas 8¾%	1997	99	8.8	8.847
142	125⅛	Exch 15½%	1998	137⅛	10.9	9.215
88¼	77⅝	Treas 8%	1998	86⅜	7.7	6.588
106⅝	94⅛	Exch 9¾%	1998-98	105⅛	9.3	9.018
145⅛	128⅛	Treas 15%	1998	142⅛	10.6	9.217
122⅝	108⅛	Exch 12¼%	1998	120⅝	10.2	9.107
124⅝	109⅝	Exch 12¼%	1999	122⅛	10.1	9.065
113	99⅛	Treas 10½%	1999	110⅝	9.5	8.980
111⅞	97⅛	Conv 10¼%	1999	109⅝	9.4	8.983
131⅛	116⅛	Treas 13%	2000	129⅝	10.1	9.129
131⅛	116⅛	Treas 13%	2000	129⅝	10.1	9.057
110⅛	96⅛	Conv 9¾%	2001	108⅝	9.2	8.993
110⅛	94⅛	Treas 10%	2001	108⅝	9.2	8.928
106⅝	93	Conv 9¾%	2001	105⅝	9.2	9.215
134	120⅝	Treas 14%	1998-01	132⅝	10.6	9.215

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

103	100⅛	Exch 9%	2002	101⅛	8.9	8.861
110⅛	97⅛	Conv 10%	2002	108⅛	9.2	8.993
122⅛	108⅛	Exch 12%	1999-02	120⅛	10.0	8.915
105	93⅛	Treas 9%	2003	103⅛	9.1	8.853
113⅜	94⅛	Treas 10%	2003	102⅛	9.8	8.878
135⅛	121⅛	Treas 13¾%	2000-03	134⅝	10.2	9.047
121⅛	105	Treas 11¾%	2001-04	119⅝	9.8	9.078
111¼	97⅛	Treas 10%	2004	109⅝	9.2	9.000
58⅛	51⅛	Fund 3½%	1998-04	58⅝	3.9	6.000
107⅜	93⅛	Conv 9½%	2004	105⅝	9.0	8.966
107⅜	93⅛	Conv 9½%	2005	105⅝	9.0	8.966
116⅜	99⅛	Exch 9¾%	2003-05	115⅝	9.4	8.971
132⅛	113⅛	Treas 12¾%	2003-05	130⅝	9.7	9.023
94⅛	82⅛	Treas 8%	2000-05	92⅝	8.6	8.695
110⅛	93⅛	Conv 9½%	2006-08	108⅝	8.8	8.800
126⅛	110⅛	Treas 11¾%	2003-07	123⅝	9.5	9.021
99⅛	86⅛	Treas 8¾%	2007	97⅛	9.0	8.748
142	121⅛	Treas 13½%	2004-08	139⅝	9.7	9.001
104⅛	97⅛	Treas 9%	2008	102⅝	8.8	8.891
94⅛	80⅛	Treas 8%	2008	92⅝	8.6	8.691
91⅛	79⅛	Treas 7¾%	2012-15	90⅝	8.6	8.609
134⅛	117⅛	Exch 12%	2013-17	132⅝	9.0	9.057

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45⅞	39⅛	Consols 4%		44⅛	4.5	
49⅜	34⅛	War Ln 3½%		39⅝	3.5	
47⅜	34⅛	Treas 3½%		39⅝	3.5	
28⅝	23⅛	Treas 2½%		25⅝	2.5	
28⅝	24⅛	Consols 2½%		25⅝	2.5	
28⅝	24⅛	Treas 2½%		25⅝	2.5	

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137	124⅛	Treas IL 2%	1988	130⅛	2.0	1.048
117⅛	108⅛	Treas IL 2%	1990	117⅛	2.0	2.911
99⅛	93⅛	Treas IL 2%	1992	99⅛	2.0	3.276
129⅛	117⅛	Treas IL 2%	1996	129⅛	2.0	3.527
131⅛	100⅛	Treas IL 2½%	2003	106⅝	2.5	3.467
129⅛	99⅛	Treas IL 2½%	2006	105⅝	2.5	3.516
113	102⅛	Treas IL 2½%	2009	106⅝	2.5	3.444
127⅛	97⅛	Treas IL 2½%	2011	105⅝	2.5	3.468
113⅛	102⅛	Treas IL 2½%	2016	106⅝	2.5	3.370
98⅛	86⅛	Treas IL 2½%	2020	95⅝	2.5	3.359
103⅛	92⅝	Treas IL 2½%	2024	95⅝	2.5	3.294
107⅛	90⅛	Treas IL 2½%	2030	95⅝	2.5	3.309
89⅛	80⅛	Treas IL 2½%	2035	85⅝	2.5	3.294

BANKS DISCOUNT HP

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
273	230	Allied Irish	250	255	-5	30b	16	7.3
90½	84	Ansbacher (Henry)	84	86	-½	27	32	25.0
281	230	Aus. New Z	263	265	-½	150	57	
14	6¾	Bankamerica	7½	8				
258	193	Bank Of Ireland	243	245	-15	17.0	6.9	10.9
14	11	Bank Leumi Israel	11½	11⅝				15.1
352	305	Bank Leumi UK	335	338	-10	28.0	8.3	11.6
365	305	Bank Of Scotland	338	340	-10	33.0	9.7	10.4
11	8	Bank Of Wales	9	9½				
494	484	Barclays (aa)	488	490	-2	41	32	7.3
45	34	Benchmark	34	36		1.14	3.7	26.7
563	500	Brown Shipley	515	525		27.0	5.1	9.2
101	91	Bus Mortgage	91	93	-3	6.7	7.3	13.7
560	510	Colin Allen	510	530		27.0	5.1	9.2
44	36	Comfin	36	38		1.14	3.0	26.7
214	180	Chase Manhatn	180	182	-2	10.0	5.5	8.2
51	41	Citicorp	41	43		2.0	4.7	10.2
111	94	Clydesdale Bank	94	96		5.0	5.2	9.6
198	168	Equity & Gen	168	170		8.0	4.7	10.2
279	187	First Nat Finance	187	191	-2	9.0	4.7	10.2
291	232	Gerrard Nat	232	236	-4	15.0	6.4	8.5
463	393	Guinness Peat	393	397	-3	18.0	4.5	10.2
1345	1115	Hambros	1115	1135	-10	60.0	5.3	9.2
345	305	Hill Samuel	305	309	-4	16.0	5.2	9.2
1345	1115	HK Shanghai	1115	1135	-10	60.0	5.3	9.2
473	393	Joseph (Leopold)	393	397	-3	18.0	4.5	10.2
134	104	King & Shaxson	104	106	-2	5.0	4.7	10.2
451	361	Kleinwort Benson	361	365	-4	18.0	4.9	10.2
149	120	Lloyds (aa)	120	122	-2	6.0	4.9	10.2
451	361	Mallinhall	361	365	-4	18.0	4.9	10.2
147	120	Mercury Int	120	122	-2	6.0	4.9	10.2
347	305	Do 6% A	305	309	-4	16.0	5.2	9.2
1345	1115	Morgan Grenfell	1115	1135	-10	60.0	5.3	9.2
155	125	Nat Assc Bk	125	127	-2	6.0	4.7	10.2

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Widespread mark-down

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began on May 11. Dealings end May 29. §Contango day June 1. Settlement day June 8. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices are recorded at 5pm. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close and may differ from changes calculated by comparing 5pm prices, published the previous day. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (aa) denotes Alpha Stocks, volumes are on page 26.

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BREWERIES

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
443	317	Allied-Lyons (aa)	433	435	-7	139	33	19.4
10⅝	7½	Bass (aa)	7⅞	8	-⅛	2.13	24	18.2
78	52	Bellhaven	74	76	-1½	0.8	1.3	36.0
150	131	Bodington	146	148	-2	4.0	2.7	16.1
688	540	Brown (Matthew)	680	690	-10	30.0	4.4	20.3
513	430	Buckleys	513	515		41	7.9	12.4
388	341	Bulmer (H P)	388	392	-4	24	6.1	13.7
730	600	Burtonwood Brew	730	740		14.8	2.0	24.3
515	440	Clark (Matthew)	515	525		11.6	2.4	16.4
341	282	Devenish (J A)	282	292	-5	37	1.6	23.5
279½	187	Greene King	279	283	-6½	7.5	2.7	16.9
1501	1251	Grosvenor Warehse	1501	1551	-3	24	1.5	21.5
688	540	Guinness (aa)	680	690	-4	11.2	1.1	23.7
653	493	Hardys & Hansons	653	663		20.6	3.0	13.7
1411	1161	Highland Dist	1411	1421	-1	37.4	2.7	18.1
1561	1261	Invergordon Dist	1561	1581	-1	72.4	4.5	11.3
238	195	Irish Dist	238	242		6.6	2.5	23.3
1341	1151	Matthew Thompson	1341	1351	-4	24.0	1.7	19.2
350	345	Morland	350	360		9.6	1.9	20.1
1311	1131	SA Breweries	1311	1321	-4			
1781	1781	Scot & Nwc (aa)	1781	1791	-4	18.3	2.6	14.8
286	236	Vaux	236	246	-2	18.6	7.6	18.4
1321	1151	Whitbread 'A' (aa)	1321	1331	-4	11.5	3.3	17.3
1321	1151	Do 'B'	1321	1331	-4	11.5	3.3	17.3
347	275	Wolverhmptn & D	347	357	-2	7.0	2.0	19.5
475	374	Young 'A'	457	477	-3	11.4	2.4	12.5

BUILDINGS AND ROADS

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
295	193	Abbey	280	290	+10	12.1	4.7	16.0
2383	2332	Aberdeen Constr	2353	2383	+10	164	6.9	14.3
360	275	Amec	340	350		21	3.6	24.8
25	20	Anglo Ltd	20	21		2.2	21	24.8
324	217	Arlesford	311	313	-1	7.2	2.3	23.9
279	227	Arrol (aa)	255	263	-12	13.7	5.2	22.9
97	67	Ashtead Plant	67	69	-2	2.0	2.9	17.8
288	156	Bailey (Geo) Const	156	158		9.0	5.7	11.5
1341	1251	Barratt Dev	1251	1261	-10	11.4	9.0	19.9
415	134	Bellway	134	137	-1	4.4	3.2	23.2
121	85	Ben Bos	107	111	-1	4.4	4.0	30.9
2	2	Beresford	2	2				
1961	1961	Blackleys	1961	1961		11.1	5.7	17.2
1961	1961	Blue Circle	1961	1961	-10	31.5	3.2	20.6
1961	1961	Bredero/Ellard Hld	1961	1961	+20	55	3.9	25.8
142	88	Brewin Dolphin	142	143	+5			
50½	34	Brown & Jackson	41	43	-2			
79	79	Bryant	79	81	-2	3.9b	3.1	13.4
16	11	Burnett & Hallam	14½	15½				16
150	80	Calchead Robey	118	126	-4	4.5	3.7	20.3
282	148	Cement-Readstone	158	161	-2	4.0	2.5	
144	114	Church Charles	114	118				
150	150	Cleaton Grp	150	150				
2	2	Costain	2	2				
2	2	Countryside	2	2				
2	2	Crouch (W)	2	2				
2	2	Cubitt Bros	2	2				
2	2	Do 'A'	2	2				
20	20	Cury (Horace)	20	20				
2	2	Do Dfd	2	2				
2	2	Do Cnv	2	2				
2	2	Ellis & Everard	2	2				
2	2	Evode	2	2				
2	2	Fairclough Constr	2	2				
2	2	Fitzpatrick (James)	2	2				
2	2	Do Dfd	2	2				
2	2	Galliford	2	2				
2	2	Gleeson (M J)	2	2				
2	2	Grassmere	2	2				
2	2	Do A	2	2				
2	2	Hall (Frederick)	2	2				
2	2	Hall (Matthew)	2	2				
2	2	Hall (R)	2	2				
2	2	Hall (Robert)	2	2				
2	2	Hall (Wm)	2	2				
2	2	Hall Engineering	2	2				
2	2	Hall Thompson	2	2				
2	2	Hanson	2	2				
2	2	Do 8% Cnv	2	2				
2	2	Do 9% Cnv	2	2				
2	2	Do 10%	2	2				
2	2	Harris (Philip)	2	2				
2	2	Hartstone	2	2				
2	2	Haskins	2	2				
2	2	Hawtin	2	2				
2	2	Hemmerde & Kay	2	2				
2	2	Henlys	2	2				
2	2	Higgs & Hill	2	2				
2	2	Do 'A'	2	2				
2	2	Do Cnv	2	2				
2	2	Higgs & Hill Sprl 8	2	2				
2	2	Do Cnv	2	2				
2	2	Holland (Arthur)	2	2				
2	2	Holland (Robert)	2	2				
2	2	Holt (Thomas)	2	2				
2	2	Hopkinsons	2	2				
2	2	Howard	2	2				
2	2	Howard Tenens	2	2				
2	2	Hunting	2	2				
2	2	Do Cnv	2	2				
2	2	Ibstock Johnsen	2	2				
2	2	Do Cnv	2	2				
2	2	Ind Precast	2	2				
2	2	Do Cnv	2	2				
2	2	Jarvis (J) & Sons	2	2				
2	2	Jelson	2	2				
2	2	Kier Group	2	2				
2	2	Do Cnv	2	2				
2	2	Kwik Save	2	2				
2	2	Lafarge	2	2				
2	2	Do Cnv	2	2				
2	2	Lilley (F J)	2	2				
2	2	Do Cnv	2	2				
2	2	Lovell (Y J)	2	2				
2	2	Magnet & Southerns	2	2				
2	2	Marchwiel	2	2				
2	2	Marley	2	2				
2	2	Marshalls (Halifax)	2	2				
2	2	McAlpine (Alfred)	2	2				
2	2	McCarthy & S	2	2				
2	2	Meyer Int	2	2				
2	2	Miller (Stanley)	2	2				
2	2	Mowlem (John)	2	2				
2	2	Newarthill	2	2				
2	2	Nottingham Brick	2	2				
2	2	Pauling	2	2				
2	2	Pochin	2	2				
2	2	RMC Gp (aa)	2	2				
2	2	Rome Int	2	2				
2	2	Redland (aa)	2	2				
2	2	Rotherd	2	2				
2	2	Rugby Cement	2	2				
2	2	Sandall Partners	2	2				
2	2	Shepherd & Fidler	2	2				
2	2	Smart (J)	2	2				
2	2	Tarmac (aa)	2	2				
2	2	Taylor Woodrow	2	2				
2	2	Tilbury Douglas	2	2				
2	2	Travis & Arnold	2	2				
2	2	Tunnel	2	2				
2	2	Ward Group	2	2				
2	2	Ward Hldgs	2	2				
2	2	Warrington (T)	2	2				
2	2	Watts Blake	2	2				
2	2	Wimpey Bros	2	2				
2	2	Wimpey (George)	2	2				

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
50	38	AKZO N/V Boxer				400	10.3	
250	241	Allied Colloids				38	1.5	21.1
2	2	Associated Chemical				10.1	3.7	31.1
2	2	Bagnor Chemical				7.5b	3.7	24.4
113	94	BTP				6.5	5.4	
2	2	Bibby (JH)				8.5	3.4	19.4
2	2	Bibby (JH) Cnv				8.5	3.4	19.4
2	2	Croda (W)				5.5	2.4	21.5
2	2	Crosfield Cnvns				5.5	2.4	21.5
2	2	Cuthbert Bros				7.5	3.7	12.2
2	2	Do A				7.5	3.7	12.2
2	2	Dory (Horace)				8.9	3.4	14.5
2	2	Do Dfd						
2	2	Elliott & Everard				14	2.9	19.8
2	2	Evode				5.3	3.3	16.7
2	2	Fosroc-Nobels				8.5	3.7	17.5
2	2	Fosroc-Nobels (Jersey)				8.5	3.7	17.5
2	2	Hall (Lloyd)				8.5	3.7	17.5
2	2	Do Cnv				8.5	3.7	17.5
2	2	Do Dfd				8.5	3.7	17.5
2	2	Hickson & Welch				17.9	24	20.5
2	2	Do Cnv				17.9	24	20.5
2	2	Hoskins & Horton				8.5	3.7	17.5
2	2	Do Cnv				8.5	3.7	17.5
2	2	Imperial Chem (aa)				14.8	2.0	24.3
2	2	Do Cnv				14.8	2.0	24.3
2	2	Do Dfd				14.8	2.0	24.3
2	2	Do Dfd Cnv				14.8	2.0	24.3
2	2	Lancs Proprietary				8.5	3.7	17.5
2	2	Lankro Chem				8.5	3.7	17.5
2	2	Laporte				8.5	3.7	17.5
2	2	Lawes Chem				8.5	3.7	17.5
2	2	Mallek Hydro				8.5	3.7	17.5
2	2	Pace				8.5	3.7	17.5
2	2	Pentlands Hldgs				8.5	3.7	17.5
2	2	Rentokil				8.5	3.7	17.5
2	2	SMA Grp				8.5	3.7	17.5
2	2	Scottish Stockholm				8.5	3.7	17.5
2	2	Wiltshire Chem				8.5	3.7	17.5
2	2	Yorkshire Chem				8.5	3.7	17.5

CINEMAS AND TV

1987 High	Low	Company	Price Bid	Offer	Change	Gross div p	Yld %	P/E
568	302	Anglia TV 'A'				15.4	3.5	12.1
614	570	Central TV	577	585	-1	23.3	4.0	10.6
2	2	Chrysalis	2	2		3.5	3.5	10.6
2	2	Do Cnv	2	2		3.5	3.5	10.6
2	2	HTV N/V	2	2		12.2	4.0	12.4
2	2	LWT Hldgs	2	2		24.6b	4.0	12.4
2	2	Scot TV	2	2		21.4	4.2	10.4
2	2	Thorn	2	2		14.3	4.2	10.4
2	2	TVS N/V	2	2		14.3	4.2	10.4
2	2	Thames TV	2	2		16.4	3.5	14.9
2	2	TV-AM	2	2		7.5	2.3	12.7
2	2	Tyne Tees TV	2	2				
2	2	Ulster TV	2	2				
2	2	Yorkshire TV	2	2		16	9.8	10

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THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

ABBEY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
80, Holdenhurst Rd, Bournemouth BH8 8AL
0345 717373 (Lo-Calls)

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Gilt & Fixed	115.6	122.5c	+0.1	9.79
High Inc Equity	127.5	135.4p	-1.0	3.84
Worldwide Bond	101.7	103.9p	-0.4	4.76
American Growth	157.2	167.2	-0.2	1.04
Asian Pacific	73.6	78.2	-0.1	2.48
Assets & Earns	158.1	168.1p	-1.4	1.68
Capital Reserve	72.7	72.9	-0.3	1.39
Comm & Energy	174.6	185.7	+0.4	0.94
European Capital	91.1	96.9p	-0.1	1.31
General	177.2	188.5	-2.3	2.89
Japan	88.4	94.0	-3.0	..
UK Growth Inc	188.0	185.9p	-1.0	0.89
Do Accum	230.6	241.0p	-1.5	0.89
US Emerging Co's	92.1	98.4	-0.9	1.97
Income & Growth	277.4	295.0p	-2.3	2.33
MastersetAcc	80.5	85.6c	-1.1	2.91
American Inc	48.5	51.5	-1.6	5.09

AETNA UNIT TRUSTS LTD
401, St. John Street London EC1V 4QE
01-837 6464

Australian	81.7	87.4	-0.2	..
Europe Growth Acc	117.4	125.0	..	0.87
Energy	414.0	439.6p	-0.5	3.82
Far Eastern	221.3	235.7	-4.3	0.10
Fin & Prop	90.8	96.2	+0.1	1.71
High Yield	77.8	82.4p	-0.3	10.65
Income & Gth	329.1	348.8	-2.4	3.48
Ind Earnings	212.1	224.7c	-0.1	1.95
Ind Growth Inc	98.7	105.1	-1.3	0.36
Japan Growth Acc	144.8	154.9	-3.7	0.20
Nat Resources Inc	301.9	321.5	+1.9	..
Nth Amer Gth Inc	125.4	134.1	-1.2	0.61
Professions Inc	121.9	129.1p	+0.3	9.63
Small Co's Div Inc	88.8	95.1	+0.7	3.63
Small Co's Gth	329.9	330.9	+0.2	1.11
Special Sits Inc	179.7	190.4p	..	0.92
UK Growth	439.2	462.1p	-1.4	2.25

ALLIED DUNBAR UNIT TRUSTS
Allied Dunbar Centre Swindon SN1 1EL
0793 610388 & 0793 28291

UK Special Sits	307.4	325.8	-9.5	2.46
Growth & Income	171.0	181.3p	-1.6	2.83
Capital Trust	286.8	304.0p	-4.3	2.44
Balanced	473.1	501.5	-6.5	2.62
Accum Trust	716.5	759.5	-9.6	2.35
American Income	24.6	26.1	-0.3	4.60
High Income Tst	323.3	342.7	-4.0	3.83
Equity Income	155.1	157.3	-2.2	3.55
High Yield	163.9	194.6p	-2.6	4.47
Govt Secs Trust	20.1	21.3p	+0.1	7.84
International	101.6	108.2	-2.2	0.97
Japan Fund	139.7	148.8	-4.1	0.01
Pacific Trust	228.5	242.3	-4.4	0.05
Amer Spcl Sits	24.1	27.7	-1.0	0.00
Special Cit Accar Tst	353.9	377.1c	-4.6	0.59
Aid Asset Value	312.2	330.9p	-2.6	2.82
Conv & Gilt Trust	43.7	46.3c	-0.4	4.48
Smaller Co's	190.8	202.3	-0.5	1.62
2nd Smaller Co's	242.5	257.1	..	..
Recovery Trust	111.4	118.1c	-0.8	2.19

BALTIC TRUST MANAGERS
20, Chiswell Street, London EC1
01-374 6801

American	47.5	50.6	-1.7	1.92
Australian	28.5	29.8	+0.2	1.29
Japan & General	133.0	141.5	-4.3	0.60
High Income	58.0	61.8	-0.7	5.20
International Trust	97.8	104.1	-1.3	0.74
Income Gth Tst	68.2	72.6	-0.3	3.75
Gilts & Fixed Int	122.8	24.0	+0.1	0.12
Global Markets	39.8	42.3	-0.1	4.28
Special Situations	67.5	71.9e	..	1.38

BARCLAYS UNICORN
Unicorn House, 252, Romford Rd E7
01-534 5544

America	84.2	89.0e	-3.2	0.59
Aust Accum	262.0	277.2	+0.1	0.24
Do Income	185.1	195.9	+0.6	0.24
Capital	89.4	94.5	-0.5	2.26
Exempt Trust	573.7	607.0e	-0.4	3.21
Extra Income	99.7	105.4e	..	4.12
Financial	295.4	302.0c	..	2.28
Gold	363.3	384.4	+0.4	2.26
General	168.8	134.4	+2.0	2.47
Gilt & Fixed Inc	55.20	58.39e	+0.11	9.46
Japan & Gen Inc	211.3	223.5	-12.7	0.12
Do Acc	213.7	226.1	-13.2	0.00
Growth Accum	222.8	235.2	-2.1	1.86
Income Trust	444.5	470.4	-0.1	3.09

BARING FUND MANAGERS
PO Box 158, Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XO
01-658 9002

Australia	105.6	112.9e	+0.9	0.10
Eastern	89.6	96.0	..	0.00
Equity Income	75.5	80.3e	-1.1	4.50
Europe	130.3	138.5	-0.5	1.00
Exempt Trust	21.6	23.0e	-0.1	9.50
Growth & Inc	75.5	84.3	-0.9	2.80
Global Gth	69.9	74.3	-0.2	2.20
Japan Special	112.1	119.8	-2.3	0.10
Japan Sunrise	105.8	113.1e	-1.1	0.00
Pacific Trust	114.6	121.9e	-1.2	0.50
Pref Japan	92.8	99.2	-3.1	0.60
First N Amer	45.7	48.5	-0.9	1.10
First Smaller Co's	100.3	106.7e	+0.5	2.00

BARRINGTON MANAGEMENT
10, Fenchurch St, London EC3
01-623 8000

Amer Smlr Co Inc	59.1	62.4	-1.4	0.18
Do Accum	69.7	73.6	-1.5	0.18
European Inc	99.3	104.8	+1.3	1.47
Do Accum	122.6	129.3	+1.4	1.47
Fund of Inv Tr Inc	27.5	29.0	..	1.61
Do Accum	35.2	37.1	..	1.61
General Inc	221.5	233.7	+1.3	1.89
Do Accum	306.2	323.0	+1.8	1.89
Gilt Yield Inc	116.8	120.3	+0.210.18	
Global Inc	165.0	174.1c	-0.2	4.56
Do Accum	282.6	298.1c	-0.4	4.56
High Yield Inc	202.6	208.9	+0.410.18	
Do Accum	123.4	130.2	+0.6	2.88
Int. Rec. Inc	253.0	268.5	+1.2	2.88
Do Accum	135.4	142.8e	-1.1	1.54
Japan Inc	143.8	151.7	-0.1	1.54
Japan Inc	255.4	269.4e	-0.7	0.18
Japanese Spec Inc	258.3	272.5e	-0.8	0.18
Do Accum	117.0	123.4	-0.7	0.00
N American Inc	49.4	52.1	-1.4	0.62
Do Accum	57.5	60.7	-1.4	0.62
Pacific Inc	156.5	167.2e	-3.0	0.24
Do Accum	178.3	190.1	-3.4	0.24
Planned Investment	164.3	173.7	..	2.64
Smaller Co's Inc	124.5	131.4c	+0.4	0.64
Do Accum	148.3	156.5e	+0.5	0.64
UK Equity Gth Inc	37.7	39.8	+0.2	0.55
Do Accum	62.6	66.0	+0.3	0.55
Worldwide Tech Inc	54.2	57.2	-0.2	0.95
Do Accum	54.8	57.8	-0.2	0.95

BROWN SHIPLEY
9-17, Perrymount Rd, Haywards Heath
0444 458144

Financial	189.0	201.1	-1.0	1.98
Smaller Co's Acc	274.9	295.7e	+0.3	1.55
Do Income	237.8	251.6e	+0.2	1.55
High Income	91.1	96.9	-0.9	4.53
Income	106.7	113.5e	-1.0	3.71
Man Portfolio Inc	99.9	105.2	-1.1	1.99
Do Acc	167.5	176.4	-1.9	1.99
North American	58.3	58.9	-0.6	1.49
Orient	94.6	100.6e	-2.5	0.27
Exempt	318.1	338.4e	+0.9	1.85
Recovery	77.5	82.0e	-0.9	1.03
German	29.4	31.3	-0.1	0.50
Technology	152.1	161.8e	-0.2	0.00
Europe	21.6	23.3e	-0.1	0.80

BUCKMASTER MANAGEMENT
The Stock Exchange London EC2P 2JT
01-588 2868

Fellowship Inc	66.8	70.9e	..	1.16
General Inc (4)	3105	320.0c	..	1.76
Do Accum (4)	500.1	534.9c	..	1.76
Income Fund (3)	136.8	145.5e	+5.0	4.11
Do Accum (3)	262.8	264.9e	+14.1	4.11
Ind Inc (2)	140.5	155.4	..	1.98
Do Accum (2)	199.5	208.5	..	1.98
Smaller Inc (5)	92.8	98.4e	..	1.16
Do Accum	99.7	105.7e	..	1.16

CAPEL (JAMES) MANAGEMENT
PO Box 551 Bevis Marks London EC3 7JQ
01-621 0011

Capital	457.4	486.7e	-3.0	1.45
Income	373.4	397.3e	+3.5	3.97
North American	282.9	311.7e	-7.9	0.78

CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
01-588 1815

Inv Fund	488.45		..	3.86
Fixed Int	151.2	●	..	9.45
Deposit	100.0		..	10.55

CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND
2, Fore Street, London EC2Y 5AQ
01-588 1815

Income	455.08		..	4.39
Accum	£13.8137		..	..
Deposit	100.0		..	9.60

CHASE MANHATTAN FUND MNGRS
72/77Basinghall St, London EC2V 5DP
01-606 6622

S & C Special Sits	70.0	74.1e	..	0.60

CLERICAL MEDICAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Narrow Plain, Bristol BS2 0JH
0800 373399

Amer Growth	24.0	25.5e	-0.6	0.00
Dragon Growth Fund	25.5	27.0	..	0.00
Equity High Income	60.9	64.5	-0.3	3.40
European Growth	30.0	31.8	+0.1	0.40
General Equity	55.6	58.9	-0.8	2.10
Gilt & Fixed Int Gth	32.5	34.5	..	4.00
Gilt & Fixed Inc	25.9	27.2	+0.1	7.80
Ind Inc Tst	24.6	26.3e	-0.3	4.80
Japan Growth	41.4	43.9	-1.8	0.00
Pedigree Gth	34.0	36.0	-0.2	1.70

COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS
St Helen's, 1, Undershaft, London EC3P 3DQ
01-283 7500 Dealing 01-886 9818

UK & Gen Inc	62.1	66.0	-1.4	2.40
Do Accum	68.8	73.1	-1.5	2.40
Income Inc	62.3	66.2	-0.9	3.62
Do Accum	62.3	66.2	-0.9	3.62
Worldwide Inc	53.6	56.8	-0.5	1.51
Do Accum	53.9	56.8	-0.5	1.51

COUNTY UT MANAGERS LTD
161, Cheapside, London EC2V 6EU
01-726 1000

E uro G rth & Inst	73.6	77.9	+0.2	0.63
Extra Income	236.9	250.7e	-2.8	3.86
Financial	232.3	245.9	-2.5	1.80
Sth East Asia Gnth	84.8	89.8	-0.1	0.65
Growth Investment	284.0	300.6	-3.1	1.91
Income & Growth	95.8	99.1e	-0.4	3.55
Japanese Growth	235.1	269.9	+13.3	0.20
Nth Amer Growth	111.9	118.5e	-3.1	1.60
Nth Amer Income	97.1	102.8	-0.8	1.58
Smaller Co's	358.1	367.8	+0.1	1.20
Global Inc Tst	66.1	70.0	-0.6	0.72
Special Sits Acc	469.8	493.7e	-1.7	1.20

CROWN UNIT TRUST SERVICES LTD
Crown House, Woking GU21 1XW
04862 5033

American Trust	130.9	139.2	-2.3	0.72
European Trust	214.3	227.9	-3.6	..
Growth Trust	298.8	317.9	-4.61	2.26
High Income Trust	382.2	353.4e	-6.4	4.22
Intl Tech Trust	128.5	137.6e	-1.8	..
Japanese Trust	187.6	199.5	-5.9	..

CRUSADER UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD
Reigate, Surrey RH2 8BL
07372 42424

European Growth	82.3	86.9e	-0.7	1.86
Pacific Growth	66.6	71.1e	-2.6	0.61
UK Growth Accum	74.2	79.0	-1.0	2.00
Do Dist	73.1	77.8	-1.0	2.00
UK Income	64.1	68.2	-1.3	4.00

EFM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
4, Melville Crescent, Edinburgh
031-226 3492

American Fund	68.7	71.0	-1.2	1.41
Capital Fund	146.4	156.9e	+1.2	1.09
Eurofund	28.1	30.1	..	0.00
General Gth & Inc Fund	163.1	166.0	+1.7	3.21
High Dist Fund	158.5	166.6e	+1.9	4.05
International Fund	230.8	245.5	-0.2	0.92
Pacific Fund	62.3	66.8	..	0.00
Resources Fund	34.3	36.5e	-0.2	0.00
Smllr Jap Co's Fnd	32.6	34.7	+0.3	..
Tokyo Fund	208.4	221.9	-14.8	0.00
(Ex) Amer (2)	139.4	143.2e	..	1.92
(Ex) Japan (3)	127.5	131.1	..	0.00
(Ex) Pacific (4)	376.2	386.5	..	0.23
(Ex) Smaller Jap (4)	190.8	196.0	..	0.10

EAGLE STAR UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Bath Road, Cheltenham, Gloucester GL53 7LG
0242 521311

UK Balanced Inc	97.4	103.2	-1.0	2.29
Do Accum	98.8	105.9	-1.1	2.24
UK High Inc Accum	132.0	140.1e	-1.5	1.46
UK High Inc Inc	100.2	106.3e	-0.8	3.28
N American Accum	71.2	75.9	-2.0	0.70
Far Eastern Accum	130.3	139.0	-3.7	0.72
European Accum	85.1	91.8	+0.1	1.25
UK Gilt & Fi Inc	58.4	62.0	+0.2	7.90
Do Accum	62.2	66.0	+0.2	7.42
Intl Spec Sit Acc	48.3	51.5	-0.5	..

ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT LTD
Admin Centre, Hexagon House, 28, Western Road, Romford RM1 3LB
0708-68668

Endurance	131.5	140.0	-1.8	0.94

EQUITABLE UNITS ADMINISTRATION
Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW
0296 431480

Equitable Pelican	102.4	109.0e	-1.0	2.98
High Income Trust	99.2	105.6e	-0.7	4.29
Gilt & Fixed Int	54.8	58.3	+0.1	7.41
Tst Of Inv Trusts	97.4	103.7	-0.8	1.51
Special Sits Trust	105.8	112.6	-0.8	2.05
Nth Amer Trust	58.5	62.3	-2.1	1.61
Far Eastern Trust	103.2	110.2	-2.7	0.34
Intl Growth	56.4	60.0	-1.4	1.05

EQUITY & LAW
St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1GY
0203 553231

UK Growth Accum	197.4	209.9e	-0.8	2.45
Do Income	167.2	177.8e	-0.7	2.45
Higher Inc Accum	398.1	360.7e	-1.3	3.52
Do Income	284.0	280.6e	-0.8	3.52
Gilts/Fixed Accum	109.5	114.5	-0.3	7.46
Do Income	87.9	92.5	+0.1	7.66
Nth Amer Tst Accum	137.8	146.5e	-5.1	0.08
Far East Tst Accum	180.3	202.4e	-4.9	0.00
Euro Tst Accum	169.4	170.6e	-2.1	1.49
General Trust	300.5	319.6e	-2.1	2.58

F & C UNIT MANAGEMENT
1, Laurence Pountney Hill, London EC4R 0BA
01-623 4680

US Smaller Co's	67.1	71.4	-1.2	0.18
UK Income Fund	92.8	98.8	-0.9	4.25
Far Eastern Fund	82.2	87.5	-0.6	0.00

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Overseas Income	71.1	75.7	-0.8	3.72
Fixed Interest	82.4	88.4	-0.1	9.57
Natural Res Fund	75.2	81.1	-0.3	2.11
European Income	78.2	83.2	-1.2	3.00
Financials Fund	63.3	68.6	-1.1	2.64
Intl Tech Fund	134.4	132.4	-2.8	0.14

FS INVESTMENT MANAGERS
180, West George St, Glasgow G2 2PA
041-332 3132

Amer Gth Inc	22.5	23.9	-0.4	..
Do Acc	22.5	23.9	-0.4	..
Balanced Gth Inc	68.8	73.2e	+0.4	0.60
Do Accum	70.4	74.8e	+0.4	..
Income Gth Inc	58.0	61.7	+1.2	5.30
Do Accum	62.1	66.1	+1.3	..
Higher Inc	31.3	33.3	+0.4	7.99
Do acc	31.7	33.7	+0.5	..

FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD
Rose Walk, Tonbridge, TN9 1DY
0732 361144

American	107.0	114.5	-5.8	0.80
Amer Equity Income	31.8	33.9e	-1.0	3.77
Amer Special Sits	51.0	54.3e	-2.1	0.14
Australian	45.2	47.9	+0.3	0.97
European	50.1	53.3	-0.5	..
European Inc	23.8	25.2	-0.1	3.88
Global Conv	25.5	27.0	+0.2	5.00
Far East Inc	39.2	42.0e	-0.2	0.54
Gld & Fixed Int	31.3	●	..	8.56
Growth & Income	130.8	139.2	+0.8	2.38
Japan Special Sits	54.5	58.2	..	..
Japan	161.3	172.1	-2.2	..
Managed Inc	130.1	139.7	-2.0	0.37
Mals. Emerging Equity	114.8	122.2	-4.7	0.60
Professional Gth	45.9	49.1	+0.5	1.70
South East Asia	51.1	54.4	+0.5	0.63
Special Sits	257.4	273.9	+0.8	0.89

FRANKLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT
3, London Wall Bldgs, London Wall, London EC2M 5NQ
01-826 5181

Amer & Gen Inc	198.8	210.3	-3.6	..
Do Accum	203.1	214.9	-3.7	..
Amer Turnaround Inc	202.5	214.3	-4.2	1.24
Do Accum	210.2	222.4	-4.3	1.24
Capital Tst Inc	235.5	313.0e	-0.4	1.54
Do Accum	361.6	382.8e	-0.5	1.54
Conv & Gilt Inc	110.0	116.3	+0.1	4.53
Do Accum	145.5	153.9	..	4.53
European Inc	88.0	93.2e	-0.1	0.84
Do Accum	68.2	72.0e	-0.1	0.84
Extra Inc Tst Inc	224.5	238.1	-0.3	3.57
Do Accum	227.6	241.2	-0.3	3.57
Financial Accum	51.5	54.6	-0.8	1.14
Do Inc	51.4	54.3	-0.8	1.14
Income Trust	165.8	175.4e	-0.9	3.25
Do Accum	178.1	188.4e	-1.0	3.25
Int. Growth Fd Inc	167.5	177.2	-2.5	..
Do Accum	168.0	178.0e	-2.6	..
Japan & Gen Inc	100.0	114.2	-3.7	..
Do Accum	107.5	113.9	-3.7	..
Monthly Income Fd	121.5	128.5e	-1.1	3.58
PEP 87	60.7	64.2	-0.7	2.66
Recovery	194.6	205.9	-1.9	0.94
Do Accum	212.5	224.8	-2.1	0.94

FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS
Pixham End, Dorking, Surrey
00306 885055

FP Equity Dist	254.6	280.0e	-3.2	2.19
FP Equity Acc	450.2	477.9e	-5.6	2.19
FP Fixed Int Dist	118.7	126.3e	+0.3	8.34
Do Accum	144.5	153.7e	+0.4	8.34
Stewardship Dist	154.5	164.3e	-1.9	3.13
Do Accum	252.0	267.7e	-3.1	3.13
FP North American	123.1	130.5	-2.2	1.38
FP Pacific Basin	205.8	219.2	-7.7	0.23

GT UNIT MANAGERS
8th Floor, 8, Devonshire Sq, London EC2M 4YJ
01-283 2575 Dealing 01-626 9431

Amer Spcial Sits	73.3	78.0e	-1.7	0.60
UK Growth Inc	161.8	169.2	-1.7	2.50
Do Accum	255.1	218.2	-2.4	2.00
Income Fund	107.3	114.2	-0.7	5.10
International	165.0	196.9	-2.6	0.30
US & General	54.9	58.5e	-1.7	0.80
Japan & General	288.2	307.0e	+11.2	0.10
Far East & Gen	139.9	170.2	-4.7	0.10
European Fund	255.0	271.3	+0.5	0.10
Germany Fund	54.3	58.5	+0.2	1.00
Intl Inc Fund	38.2	59.8	-0.7	4.20

GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS
2, St Mary Axe, London EC3A 8BP
01-623 1212 Dealing 01-623 5766 Dealing 01-623 5806

American Trust	81.6	86.8	-1.7	0.70
Australian Trust	37.4	39.7e	..	0.00
British Tst Accum	65.4	69.9	-1.4	1.58
Do Dist	61.5	65.2	-1.3	2.50
Commodity Share	59.2	104.5	..	1.00
European Trust	53.7	57.2	-0.3	0.50
Extra Income Trust	62.6	66.6e	-0.8	4.94
Far Eastern Trust	140.8	149.8	-4.1	0.00
Fixed Interest Fund	27.7	29.5e	+0.1	8.89
Frontier Mkts	28.0	27.4	-0.2	0.00
Intl Fixed Int Tst	24.7	26.3e	..	9.21
Global Fund Accum	108.9	211.5	-2.0	0.40
Do Dist	108.9	201.0	-2.1	0.40
Gold Share Trust	27.1	29.0	+0.6	0.50
Hedged American	34.8	37.1	-1.0	0.00
High Income Trust	31.2	33.1e	+0.2	4.76
Hong Kong Trust	34.2	36.4	+0.3	1.00
Income Fund	106.6	113.5	-1.1	2.58
Japan Trust	138.1	148.9	-1.6	0.00
Managed Exempt	325.4	338.0e	-4.5	1.73
Oil & Energy Trust	48.4	51.6	-0.9	2.50
Special Sits Trust	150.3	159.9	-1.9	0.57
UK Smlr Co's Rec Tst	115.1	122.5	..	0.00
Cheltenham UK	27.7	28.1	-0.4	1.92

GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT
Winchester Hse, 77, London Wall, London EC2N 1DA
01-588 5620

Ind Growth	100.7	107.1	-0.8	0.98
American Growth	87.4	92.9	-0.4	2.55
American Inc	69.3	74.1	-1.7	6.17
European Growth	226.8	242.6	-3.6	0.24
Gold & Minerals	79.4	84.4	+1.4	0.41
Japan Growth	92.8	98.4e	-2.3	..
Pacific Inc	88.5	94.2	-0.8	3.79
Pacific Strategy	53.7	57.1	..	0.41
UK Progressive Inc	78.0	82.9e	+0.1	3.72
UK Special Opps	180.9	192.4	+0.9	0.53

GRE UNIT MANAGERS
Royal Exchange, EC3P 3DN
01-588 9903

Gilt & Fixed Int	124.4	129.3	..	8.58
Growth Equity	275.5	291.6e	-4.3	1.54
Inc Tst	367.8	373.5	-5.5	3.41
N American	144.0	152.4e	-4.6	1.16
Pacific	321.8	340.4e	-4.2	0.00
Property Shares	420.3	444.8	-2.7	0.88
Smaller Companies	307.8	319.9e	-1.5	1.21
European Trust	289.9	284.6	+0.3	1.94

GUINNESS MAHON UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
PO Box 442, 32 St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3P 3AJ,
01-623 9333

High Income	73.4	78.1e	-0.6	4.88
N Amer Trust	100.5	103.5e	-7.5	0.77
Pacific Growth	310.0	314.6	-3.1	0.00
Gilt Trust	45.5	48.5e	+0.3	6.68
St Vincent Inc	111.8	115.4	-1.1	4.46
St Vincent US Gth	70.1	77.6	-1.0	0.00
Sterling Bal Sm Co's	245.4	258.2	..	2.80
Euro Gth Tst	45.5	50.3	+0.4	0.25

HAMBROS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS
Admins: 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex.
Enquiries 0277 227300 Dealing 0277 217915

Hambros Smllr Co's	190.5	202.2	-1.1	1.26
Hambros N Amer	63.1	67.0e	-1.7	0.97

	Bid	Offer	Chng	Yld
Hambros Jap & F E	148.4	157.5e	-4.5	0.38
Hambros Scandvn	79.0	83.8	+0.3	0.82
Hambros European	102.4	108.6e	+0.7	0.85
Hambros Canadian	55.8	59.2	-1.0	1.10
Hambros Equity Inc	112.7	119.6e	-1.2	4.08
Hambros Tech Inc	68.3	68.5	-0.7	4.44
Hambros Rel Assts	76.9	81.6	-0.6	2.19
Hambros Ind Sts	71.6	76.0	+0.9	0.55

HENDERSON
Premier UT Administration Admin 5, Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Brentwood, Essex.
0277 217288

Amer Recovery Tst	102.6	110.0e	-4.0	2.22
Amer Smaller Co's	47.8	51.1e	-1.6	0.01
Australian	114.2	121.5e	+1.8	1.00
Capital Growth Inc	73.7	80.6	-0.7	1.34
Do Accum	88.8	94.0	-0.7	1.34
European	253.5	270.0e	+0.7	0.73
Euro Inc Tst	47.4	50.4	-0.1	4.23
Euro Smaller Co's	108.0	112.9	..	0.17
Extra Income	244.0	261.0	-0.6	9.10
Financial Trust	207.0	220.2e	-2.1	1.93
Fixed Interest Tst	59.6	64.9	..	9.07
Gilt Trust	43.6	46.4e	+0.1	8.25
Global Healthcare	81.8	87.1	-1.3	0.01
Global Inc.&Gth	63.9	70.1	-0.5	4.27
Global Resources	137.2	146.7	+1.4	0.03
Global Tech	119.1	127.9	-2.1	0.01
Gold	98.5	105.2	+2.4	1.59
High Income Tst	256.9	273.7e	-1.5	3.46
Hong Kong	70.5	75.0	-0.5	1.44
Income & Growth Inc	188.9	212.7e	-1.6	2.41
Do Accum	235.5	251.0e	-3.1	2.41
Income Assets	145.9	156.0	-1.4	1.84
International	197.4	210.0e	-5.7	1.73
Japan Special Sits	206.3	219.7	-8.6	0.01
Japan Tst	198.1	209.0	-7.5	0.01
North American	197.8	147.4	-5.7	0.00
Smaller Co's	84.0	90.6e	-0.5	1.78
Prof & Gth	51.4	54.7	+0.1	8.73
Recovery Tst	157.9	169.0	-0.4	1.57
Singapore & Malay	41.4	44.5	+0.1	1.11
Smaller Co's Div	189.0	199.3e	-0.4	3.70
Special Sits Inc	155.5

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BUSINESS SUMMARY

Acatos & Hutcheson interim profits soar

Ten months after being offered to the public at 160p, shares in Acatos & Hutcheson climbed within a whisker of 400p yesterday, following a surge in interim pretax profits from £3.63 million to £6.26 million and the prediction by Mr Ian Hutcheson, the chairman, that full-year results will be in line with the half-year improvement.

The interim dividend is being raised from 2p to 3p, with earnings per share up from 8.6p to 13.1p. The profit increase was achieved despite a downturn in the sales for the six months to March 29, from £106.5 million to £98 million.

RHP jumps 52% to £9m

RHP, the mechanical and electrical engineering group, has turned in another healthy performance with pretax profits for the half-year to April 3 climbing 52 per cent to £9.54 million. Turnover rose by just under £10 million to £87.42 million and RHP is paying an interim dividend of 2.2p, up from 1.9p previously.

United raises Extel holding

United Newspapers has picked up a block of 450,000 Extel shares at a price of 481p to lift its combined holding in the company to 27.9 per cent. Earlier this week, the Takeover Panel allowed United Newspapers to continue with its takeover bid for Extel, which had claimed a concert party had existed prior to the offer.

Tunstall rings up 19% increase at half-time

Tunstall Group, the manufacturer of burglar alarms and emergency communications equipment, yesterday announced a 19 per cent increase in half-year profits before tax — from £2.3 million to £2.7 million.

Mr Michael Dawson, Tunstall's chairman, said the results had set the company "on course for greatly improved full-year results". Turnover was £12.9 million in the six months to March 31, compared with £12.0 million in the corresponding period last year. Earnings per share were 10.3p as against 8.8p, and the company is paying an interim dividend of 1p.

Suter lifts its stake in Cotts

The Suter camp yesterday lifted its Mitchell Cotts stake to 14.99 per cent after the Cotts board described its £74.1 million bid as "unsolicited and unwelcome". Analysts question whether the board can come up with a convincing defence and regard the 75p-a-share bid against a March market price of 50p as generous.

Egypt reports Suez oil find

The Egyptian Oil Minister, Abdel-Hadi Kandeel, yesterday reported an oil find in the Gulf of Suez with output capacity of 10,000 barrels per day. Egypt will, however, maintain its output level of 870,000 bpd for the next five years to support Opec. Drilling of two wells in the new field showed a reservoir of at least 20 million barrels.

Anglo United to pay £11m for LCP Fuels

Anglo United Development Corporation, Mr David McErlain's coal-mining group, where Hillsdown Holdings took a 29.9 per cent stake at the beginning of the year, is buying LCP Fuels from the Ward White Group for £11.25 million. The move establishes Anglo, which recently declared its intention to expand into other energy-related areas, as an important force in the fuel-distribution sector.

LCP made pretax profits of £1.24 million in the year to March 31 last. Anglo expects to report profits of not less than £4.5 million, before extraordinary items, for the 17 months to March 31 and to pay a final dividend of 0.5p, making 2p, for the period.

Anglo still has £7 million of Hillsdown's cash available and plans a series of smaller acquisitions in the energy-related field, Mr McErlain said yesterday.

The bulk of the purchase price will be raised through the issue of 11.25 million convertible preference shares in Anglo, which will be offered to Anglo ordinary shareholders at 100p each, via a 10-for-104 rights issue.

In brief

● **PEEL HOLDINGS:** The company is to issue a second tranche of £35 million first mortgage debenture stock, 2011, by a placing. NM Rothschild & Sons has agreed to subscribe or procure subscribers for the stock.

● **DALGETY:** Dalgety Agriculture is to acquire the Vitamealo business from Beecham for £1 million on July 1. The Vitamealo range of animal protein concentrates and feed supplements also includes the brand names Mindiff and Equivite.

● **JACKSON EXPLORATION:** First quarter of 1987. With figures in $000: Net loss 306 (£182,000), against 6,180. Net loss per share nil (0.08).

● **AUSTWHIM RESOURCES:** Final dividend of 1 cent per share from 1986 profits, making 2 cents for the year, payable on June 29. Profit for the quarter to March 31 last Aus$61,807 (£26,000), against Aus$502,077, reflecting lower gold production.

● **HAWK INVESTMENTS:** The company is making a one-for-ten rights issue of 3.15 million ordinary 20-cent shares at Aus$5.50, to raise Aus$78.33 million (£33.33 million) for additional working capital.

● **SOUTHERN VENTURES:** The group is raising Aus$7.5 million (£3.2 million) through a one-for-three rights issue at 30 cents to fund its share of development costs at the Gabanintha gold mine, near Meekatharra, Western Australia and to provide additional working capital.

● **JUST RUBBER:** Total dividend raised to 1.92p (1.74p) for the year to January 31. With figures in £000: Turnover 2,300 (1,844). Pretax profit 576 (596). Earnings per share (adjusted) 5.78p (6.22p). The funds raised in the placing have now been fully invested in productive capacity, the board reports. A parallel investment in the recruitment and training of the additional workforce required increased the number of employees by about 50 per cent.

● **BELTECH CORPORATION:** The corporation has extended the terms of its offer for Portman Mining and plans to offer 41 cents a share for the capital. This new bid follows an earlier, revised offer for 40 per cent of the capital at the same price. Portman's board are to consider the revised terms.

● **LONDON ATLANTIC INVESTMENT TRUST:** Year to March 31. Total dividend 7.25p (6.7p). With figures in £000: Pretax profit 1,211 (1,192). Earnings per share 7.52p (6.95p).

● **PERPETUAL:** Six months to March 31. With figures in £000: Interim dividend 0.8p, payable on July 2. Turnover 79,373 (96,858). Pretax profit 2,487 (2,176). Earnings per share 6.70p (5.70p). The board would be disappointed if the overall results for 1987 did not at least equal 1986.

● **YOUGHAL CARPETS:** The board is unanimously recommending the Coats Viyella offers in the light of the uncertainty facing Youghal's future competitive position as an independent company.

● **DWYER:** The company has acquired three freehold properties from British Land. The price is £875,000 in cash and 242,424 ordinary shares: the properties, which are located in Datchet, Berkshire and Stoke-on-Trent, comprise a retail warehouse, a warehouse and an industrial property. They are fullu let and produce an annual rental income of £170,000.

● **CI GROUP:** The group is to make a recommended offer, equivalent to 35p, for each J and F Pool (Holdings) share, valuing Pool, whose business is metal perforating, fabricating and general engineering, at about £1.1 million. The holders of 98.2 per cent of Pool's capital have irrevocably undertaken to accept the offer. CI is also to acquire Clews Bros, a manufacturer of steel press tool punches and steel dies, for £600,000.

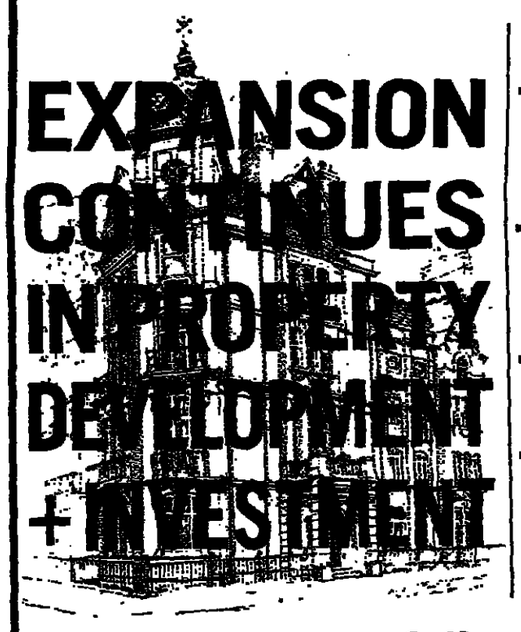
● **JOHN I JACOBS:** The company has acquired the freehold of 9, Mandeville Place, London, W1. This building will become the company's place of business and its registered office. The price is £3.3 million in cash.

● **INOCO:** With figures in £000: Turnover for 1986 1,755 (364). Pretax loss 967 (1,197). Extraordinary item (loss on abortive attempt to bid for Petranol) 646 (nil). Loss per share 5.0p (5.1p). Turnover and results for the year (1985 for two months) related to group oil and gas interests. A firm foundation has been established for the development of the company and the board is confident that further progress will be made.

● **KEYSTONE INVESTMENT:** The company reports the placing of £5 million nominal of 10 per cent, debenture stock, 2010. The issue yield is 10.3 per cent. Interest will be payable half-yearly.

● **HILLSDOWN HOLDINGS:** Clearwater Fine Foods, in which Hillsdown has a substantial interest, has acquired the six Canadian fishing companies comprising the Blades Group of Canada. The consideration, which will be paid in cash, is five times the consolidated pretax profits for 1987. These have been warranted at not less than 110 per cent of those for 1986. Blades's turnover is well in excess of C$30 million (£13 million). The six companies combined net assets exceed C$9 million (£4 million). Total Clearwater sales this year (including Blades) are now expected to exceed C$300 million (£134 million).

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EXPANSION CONTINUES IN PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT + INVESTMENT

+ Gross investment rental income up 11.7% to £2.5 million
+ Pre-tax profits up 10.8% to record £1.5 million
+ 12th year of dividend growth
+ Development programme of £125 million

Investment portfolio now stands at £39.9 million

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES			
Airtours (180p)	217	–1	
Bellwinch (115p)	158		
Bonded Laminates	105	+2	
Burford (80p)	250	–10	
Camb Instr (130p)	130		
Camb Isotopes (55p)	86		
Colorgraphic (125p)	173	–5	
Cooper (A) (130p)	158	+8	
Cundell New (125p)	151	–2	
Dale Group (110p)	123		
Doeflex (135p)	161		
Epwin (155p)	226		
Filofax	178	–2	
Mallett	235	–5	
March Gp	122		
Molex	£26¼	–¼	
Nobo (152p)	198	+6	
Perpetual (180p)	195		
RKF	88		
Reliance Sec	190	+7	
Rolls Royce (85p)	144		
Scandinavian Bk (210p)	273	–2	
Select App (135p)	233		
Sharp & Law (125p)	162	+2	
Sinclair G S (90p)	135	+2	
Sock Shop (125p)	238	–4	
TSB Group (100p)	88½	–1½	
UCL Gp	160		
Virgin (140p)	169	–2	
Waterglade (140p)	211	+3	
Wyevale (120p)	273	+11	

RIGHTS ISSUES	
Blackwood Hodge N/P	12 –½
Brent Walker N/P	161 –2
Crowther J N/P	15 –7
Fisher A N/P	17 –3
Priest M.6h% Cnv N/P	£43 –2
Phoenix Timber N/P	19
Scot Herit N/P	22
Tyzack N/P	36

(Issue price in brackets).

THIRD MARKET

1986 High	1986 Low	Company	Price Bid	Price Offer	Change
450	180	Abelscot Group	375	405	n/c
50	10	Aberdeen Am Petrol	30	33	n/c
125	110	Allied Insurance	118	128	–1
73	36	Catalyst Comm	68	72	–2
95½	24	Corton Beach	83	88	n/c
208	121	Edenspring Inv	203	213	+3
63	10	Eglinton Oil Ireland	32	34	–1
41	8	Do. Warrants	21	23	n/c
44	17	Publishing Holdings	37	39	–1
57½	46	Thame Holdings	50	53	n/c
133	112½	Unit Group	116	121	+4

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
May 18	Jun 5	Aug 20	Sep 1

Call options were taken out on: 20/5/87 British Petroleum, Ladbrokes, Border TV, Stormguard, GEC, Rolls-Royce, Clayform, Raglan, Centraway, Bridon, Property Trust, Rotaprint, Anglo United, Kalamazoo, Southend Stadium, Blacks Leisure, Bejam, Mountleigh, Martin Ford, Berkeley & Hay Hill, Sound Diffusion, Berisford, Acorn Securities, Caparo, Century Oil.
Put: Southend Stadium.
Put & Call: Rolls-Royce.

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

Base Rates %
Clearing Banks 9
Finance House 10½

Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 8⅝ Low 5
Week fixed: 8¼

Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mnth 8⅛; 3 mnth 8⅛
Selling: 2 mnth 8⅛; 3 mnth 8⅛

Prime Bank Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 8⅛–8⅛; 2 mnth 8⅛–8⅛; 3 mnth 8⅛–8⅛; 6 mnth 8⅛–8⅛

Trade Bills (Discount %)
1 mnth 9⅛; 2 mnth 9⅛; 3 mnth 9⅛; 6 mnth 9⅛

Interbank (%)
Overnight: open 8½ close 4
1 week 8⅝–8½; 6 mnth 8⅛–8⅛
1 mnth 8⅝–8½; 9 mnth 9⅛–9
3 mnth 8⅝–8⅝; 12 mnth 9⅛–9

Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 days 8¼; 7 days 8¼
1 mnth 8¼; 3 mnth 8⅛
6 mnth 8½; 12 mnth 8½

Local Authority Bonds (%)
1 mnth 8¼–8½; 2 mnth 8⅛–8⅛
3 mnth 8⅛–8⅛; 6 mnth 8¼–8½
9 mnth 8⅛–8⅛; 12 mnth 8–8¼

Sterling CDs (%)
1 mnth 8⅛–8⅛; 3 mnth 8¼–8½
6 mnth 8⅛–8⅛; 12 mnth 8¾–8¾

Dollar CDs (%)
1 mnth 7.40-7.35; 3 mnth 7.50-7.45
6 mnth 7.85-7.80; 12 mnth 8.50-8.45

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Dollar		call	7-6
7 days	6¾–6½	1 mnth	7¼–7⅛
3 mnth	7⅛–7⅛	6 mnth	7⅛–13/16
Deutschmark		call	4-3
7 days	3¾–3⅝	1 mnth	3¾–3⅝
3 mnth	3¾–3⅝	6 mnth	3¾–3⅝
French Franc		call	8-7
7 days	8¼–8	1 mnth	8¼–8¼
3 mnth	8⅛–8⅛	6 mnth	8½–8⅜
Swiss Franc		call	1⅝–1½
7 days	1¼–1⅛	1 mnth	3⅞–3¾
3 mnth	3⅛–3⅛	6 mnth	3⅛–13/16
Yen		call	3¾–2¾
7 days	3⅛–3⅛	1 mnth	4⅛–3⅛
3 mnth	3⅛–3⅛	6 mnth	3⅛–13/16

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: April 30, 1987. Agreed rates for period May 26, 1987 to June 23, 1987. Scheme I: 11.29 per cent. Schemes II & III: 11.11 per cent. Reference rate for period April 1, 1987 to April 30, 1987. Scheme IV: 9.843 per cent.

BULLION

Gold: $475.00-475.50
Krugerrand (per coin, ex vat): – $ 479.00-482.00 (£284.25-286.25)
Sovereigns (new, ex vat): $ 112.00-113.00 (£66.50-67.25)
Platinum $ 620.75 (£368.20)
Silver $ 9.1300-9.1800 (£5.4100-5.4500)

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Extract from Audited Accounts

	28th Feb. 1987 $000	28th Feb. 1986 £000
Share Capital	20,000	18,100
Retained Profit	13,257	11,620
Subordinated Loans (£ equivalent)	14,717	15,721
	531,873	545,581
Deposits	387,179	392,158
Loans	587,869	603,067
Total Assets	3,696	4,030
Profit before Taxation	3,537	2,777
Profit after Taxation		

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Law Report May 21 1987 House of Lords

Lords criticize anomaly in legal aid fund rules

Simpson v The Law Society
Before Lord Bridge of Harwich, Lord Brightman, Lord Templeman, Lord Oliver of Aylmerton and Lord Goff of Chieveley
[Speeches May 20]

The Law Society did not have a discretion to postpone enforcement of a statutory charge on a wife's lump sum award in matrimonial proceedings and allow it to be used for the purchase of a new home for her to be substituted as security for the charge.

The fact that when the wife received the husband's interest in the former matrimonial home rather than a lump sum, such a discretion did exist to postpone the charge, so as to allow her to live in the property or purchase a more suitable one in substitution for it, was an anomaly that should be remedied by Parliament without delay.

The House of Lords so held in dismissing an appeal by a wife from the order of the Court of Appeal (Sir John Donaldson, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Nourse and Lord Justice Glidewell; July 10, 1986) who dismissed her appeal from the refusal of Mr Justice Otton to grant a declaration that the Law Society had such a discretion.

Mr Malcolm K. Lee, QC and Mr Stephen Oliver-Jones for the wife; Mr Duncan Matheson for the Law Society.

LORD BRIDGE said that the wife had been the petitioner in divorce proceedings. An order had been made that the matrimonial home, valued at £40,000, be sold and that she should receive £30,000 out of the proceeds of sale. In the event the net proceeds of sale amounted only to £33,431 of which half belonged to the wife absolutely in right of her original ownership of a half share in the property.

The balance represented property recovered for her in the proceedings in connection with which she received legal aid and therefore subject to a statutory charge under section 9(6) of the Legal Aid Act 1974. If it was to be presently enforced, £10,784 would be swallowed up by the legal aid fund instead of being available to the wife, as the judge must have intended, towards the purchase of a new home for herself.

The issue in the appeal was whether the Law Society had any discretion under the 1974 Act and the Legal Aid (General) Regulations (SI 1980 No 1894) to postpone the enforcement of the charge, to permit the wife to use the full £30,000 payable to her under the order in the purchase of a new home and to agree to accept a contractual charge on the new property in substitution for the statutory charge on the money recovered in the divorce proceedings.

It was common ground that the courts below were bound by *Simmons v Simmons* ([1984] Fam 17) and *R v The Law Society, Ex parte Sexton* ([1984] QB 360) to dismiss the wife's claim. They did so without hearing argument, but the Court of Appeal granted leave to their Lordships' House.

In *Hanlon v The Law Society* ([1981] AC 124) the House had had to consider whether the Law Society had a discretion to postpone the enforcement of a charge under section 9(6) upon a former matrimonial home recovered or preserved in matrimonial proceedings and, if so, whether they had a further discretion to allow a "transfer" of the charge to a new home.

The House had unanimously held that the Law Society had both discretions in question.

As a result of that decision the Law Society now never enforced its statutory charge by exercising the power of sale of a former matrimonial home while the assisted person still occupied it as a residence. It was content to wait until the property was sold voluntarily.

Moreover, guidelines had been published showing how the discretion to allow transfer of the charge to a substituted property would be exercised.

If the scheme of the Act and the Regulations permitted those consequences when the order of the court in matrimonial proceedings was to effect a transfer of property which left one spouse, normally the wife, in possession of the former matrimonial home as a residence, it was submitted for the wife in the present appeal that the reasoning in *Hanlon* must equally lead to the following conclusion:

That where, as in the present case, the former matrimonial home was ordered to be sold and the legally aided wife was left with nothing but an order for the payment to her of a share of the proceeds of sale with which to acquire a new home, the Law Society must have a discretion to postpone enforcement of the charge on the money to be received under the order and allow it to be used for the purchase of a new home to be substituted as security for the charge.

The good sense of that proposition was undeniable. Whether the Regulations could be construed so as to allow that sensible result to prevail was quite another matter.

On the face of it the language of regulations 88, 91 and 93 seemed to be clear and mandatory: the money payable to the assisted person under court order had to be paid to his solicitor (88)(a); the solicitor had to pay it to the Law Society (91)(1); and the Law Society had to retain an amount sufficient to satisfy the statutory charge (93)(b).

Only after those steps had been taken could the balance be paid to the assisted person under regulation 93.

Understandably, Mr Lee had concentrated his argument on regulation 91(2), which qualified the requirement imposed by 91(1) that the solicitor must pay the whole amount recovered to the Law Society.

An agreement to accept as substituted security a charge on a new dwelling house to be acquired with the money recovered under court order would suffice "to safeguard the rights of the fund under any provisions of the Act and these Regulations". Accordingly, it was submitted, 91(2) could be construed to allow the Law Society to agree to such a substitution.

But as Lord Justice Waller had pointed out in *Sexton*, the key word in 91(2) was "thereby" and the only safeguard contemplated by "only such sum ... should be retained" was the retention of a sum less than the whole amount recovered but sufficient to cover the legal aid costs.

In practice the provision operated, in the case of substantial money judgments, by the Law Society obtaining an undertaking from the solicitor that the bill for legal aid costs would not exceed a given figure and permitting him to release the balance to the assisted person.

The conclusion was irresistible that the language of regulation 91(2) was incapable of yielding the meaning for which Mr Lee contended unless some additional words were to be implied. Short of rewriting the paragraph it could not be done.

That compelled the conclusion, however unwelcome, that the Law Society had no discretion to postpone the enforcement of the statutory charge on money recovered by an assisted person or to allow its transfer to a substituted security.

To find that the law treated so differently two legally aided wives who emerged from a dispute about the matrimonial home in essentially parallel situations was surely grotesque. The wife to whom the husband's interest in the home was transferred could enjoy that property, or another more suitable home purchased in substitution for it, subject to a charge on which no interest was payable and which might never be enforced during her lifetime.

The wife who recovered from the husband a share in the proceeds of sale of the former matrimonial home could receive no more than the exempt £2,500 and might be left homeless in consequence.

If there were any way of avoiding the anomaly, his Lordship would seize it, but the language of the Regulations was too clear to admit of any remedy which lay within the range of legitimate judicial interpretation. Only a suitable amendment of the Regulations could put matters right.

It was not the first time the anomaly had attracted critical judicial comment. A White Paper published on March 27, 1987 (Cmnd 118) had stated that amending regulations would be introduced "as soon as practicable".

But his Lordship could not forbear to express concern that the administration of the legal aid scheme should have been disfigured for so long by the arbitrary and capricious impact of the statutory charge in matrimonial cases according to the difference in form of the order by which a spouse recovered property representing a share in the former matrimonial home.

When the blemish could be removed by a simple amendment of the Regulations, any further delay would be intolerable.

Lord Brightman, Lord Templeman, Lord Oliver and Lord Goff agreed.

Solicitors: Church Adams Tatham & Co for Paris Oldham & Gijlstra, Birmingham; Collyer-Bristow.

Judge's premises on custody of children were ill-founded

A v A
Before Lord Justice Glidewell and Lord Justice Bingham
[Judgment May 13]

Where an appellate court was satisfied that a judge's decision to grant the custody of children to one parent rather than the other could not be said to be plainly wrong or outside the generous ambit within which reasonable disagreement was possible, it could nevertheless interfere if it appeared from subsequent events that the premises upon which the judge had reached his decision were ill-founded.

Accordingly, the Court of Appeal allowed a father's appeal from a decision of Judge Smithies at Bournemouth County Court on December 11, 1986 awarding custody of four boys born between May 1978 and December 1984 to the mother and remitted the matter to the judge for a rehearing.

Mr Michael Kolanko for the father; Mr John Beashel for the mother.

LORD JUSTICE GLIDEWELL said that the judge had before him a substantial body of evidence from welfare officers' reports and witnesses indicating that both parents were capable of caring for the physical and emotional needs of the children.

The parents made allegations against each other and the judge came down finally on the father's side. He concluded that the allegations against the father were unfounded and that the mother was a habitual liar and was liable when provoked to respond violently and to use language which was quite unbefitting to a mother of children.

However, he concluded that despite the mother's shortcomings, since the children were very young they needed a mother's care. He said he was confident that the mother had repented and would control her temper and ensure that the father's access visits were pleasant occasions for the children.

The judge had acted well within the ambit of his discretion and if the matter had rested there the court could not have interfered.

However, the father was granted leave to adduce fresh evidence consisting of affidavits from the father and the mother that a Mr D had moved into the home and was living with the mother as man and wife despite the evidence before the judge that she had no plans to form a long-term relationship.

There had also been difficulties over access and there was information that the mother had behaved in a violent and uncontrolled manner towards social workers and used foul language.

However, the matters in issue had not been tested and the primary facts were not all established. Therefore it was undesirable to reverse the judge's decision. The matter should be remitted to the judge to consider in the light of the fresh evidence.

LORD JUSTICE BINGHAM, agreeing, said that the father had submitted that the judge had erred in saying that mothers were best charged to look after small children and that fathers should be out working. The judge's task was not to organize the labour force and restore inequalities between the sexes but to decide what was best for those children in those circumstances.

There was no legal presumption that mothers should have custody of young children and if the judge had not assumed there was such a presumption, he would not have regarded the case as a difficult one.

In deciding the case the judge had to bring in all his experience and knowledge of human nature and if he was moved to attach importance to the bond between mothers and very young children, he could not be faulted and was making the best decision he could.

However, the judge had based his decision on the premises that the mother had repented and would see that the children had a good relationship with the father.

The judge should now have the opportunity of reviewing those premises.

Solicitors: Lovell Son & Pitfield for Williams Thompson & Co, Christchurch; Cyril Clark & Son, Bournemouth.

Counsel required in life sentences

Regina v Morgan
Before Lord Justice Watkins, Mr Justice Mars-Jones and Mr Justice Henry
[Judgment May 18]

There were many occasions when counsel's assistance could be invaluable to a sentencing judge to enable him to reach as proper a conclusion as he could in difficult circumstances. The imposition of a discretionary sentence of life imprisonment was a serious step and must never be taken unless the court was persuaded upon the evidence, bearing in mind the right principles and also the submissions of counsel for the defendant.

The Court of Appeal so stated in allowing the appeal of Ron Robert Morgan against the sentence of life imprisonment imposed on him on September 15, 1986 at the Central Criminal Court (Judge Richard Lowry, QC) following his pleas of guilty on June 27 (before Mr Recorder Crespi, QC) to robbery and unlawful imprisonment (when a count of threatening to kill, to which he had pleaded not guilty, was allowed to lie on the file). The Court of Appeal substituted a sentence of eight years' imprisonment.

Miss Anna M. Worrall, assigned by the Registrar for Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Kenneth Dow for the prosecution.

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS said that it was unfortunate, no doubt due to an oversight, that the judge had not informed counsel for the appellant of what he had in mind. In all cases where it was the intention of the court to impose a discretionary sentence of life imprisonment that should be done.

The principles which governed the determination as to whether it was proper to pass a discretionary sentence of life imprisonment had been stated and restated in the Court of Appeal.

There was nothing in the medical reports or any other material which entitled their Lordships to say that this appellant came within the second of the three criteria referred to by Mr Justice Leggatt in *R v O'Dwyer* (unreported, May 6, 1986), that he was a person of unstable character likely to commit such an offence again as he committed upon this occasion. The sentence of life imprisonment should be quashed.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecution Service, Central Criminal Courts Branch.

THE TIMES

GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

MAY 21, 1987

Colin Richards-Carpenter: Information technology's important part in establishing the personnel role

The computer key to exploiting a new era in staff management



Colin Richards-Carpenter, manpower adviser at the *Institute of* Manpower Studies: "Given good information to work with, the change in the way personnel people see their own role can be startling."

The greatest problem facing most organizations is how to get the most out of the people they employ. The simple statement identifies the personnel profession's main challenge. For years personnel has been seen as a low-key support function, then suddenly, as economic pressures bite, the need is for strategic thinking and a function with major responsibility for relating manpower to organizational objectives.

It is not surprising, then, that the personnel profession is looking at information technology to help in its fight to establish its new role. Each year the Institute of Manpower Studies and the Institute of Personnel Management run an international conference and exhibition on the use of computers in personnel; for this event I survey approximately 27,000 personnel people to establish their use of computers.

Over the last five years I have seen a tremendous increase in the use that personnel people make of computers. In the 1970s only the largest of organizations had any computerized personnel information system (CPIS); my 1986 survey showed that most organizations buying CPISs today employ fewer than 500 people.

Today's CPISs are far more sophisticated than those of just a few years ago, being capable of performing complex administrative routines as well as providing personnel information.

Personnel departments using computers usually go through two predictable stages of development. Initially, the computer is used to perform personnel activities that have been carried out manually for many years. The ability to respond quickly to requests for information then enhances the departments' sense of professionalism.

It soon becomes apparent to the rest of the organization that personnel information is more readily available, while personnel people find it far easier to respond to ad hoc requests.

However, the organization is still communicating with the personnel function in much the same way as before, sending personnel the same forms and receiving, in return, the same information.

During this first stage of system development, use of the computer is often confined to the mirroring of individual files; specialist areas such as recruitment, training, IR and management development are not computerized.

Organizations that have installed a CPIS for the first time usually stay at stage one for at least a year – the time it takes for the organization to realize it has a computer system.

At stage one, the system makes little technical demand on the personnel people, who tend to be making routine inquiries and straightforward analyses of personnel data.

The second stage develops as increased confidence with the system encourages personnel people to expand its use. In this way the specialist application areas start to be computerized. This is a natural consequence of using the computer and finding it the most effective way of doing a job; seldom do personnel people become besotted by the computer or develop a "paperless office" ideology.

There comes a point when the combination of the increasing volume of data being held on the computer and an increasing ability to manipulate the system allows a new and higher level of service to be offered to the organization.

A simple example of this is where the personnel department uses the CPIS to help evaluate, say, the merits of a head office relocation. The system was never designed for this purpose, but it probably holds information on an individual's home address, marital status, number and ages of children, earnings, job history, training and qualifications.

In addition, if the CPIS has a recruitment module, the costs, difficulties and time scales of recruitment of different types of employee will be known and all this information can be brought together by the personnel department to help the organization's decision-making processes.

Given good information to work with, the change in the way personnel people see their own role can be startling. The manipulative power of the computer, combined with the vast storage capabilities, allows a much broader contribution to the organization.

For many personnel departments, realizing the potential of their CPIS has meant rethinking staffing policies. In some cases specialist computer people have been employed in the department, while in other cases numerate graduates have been employed as the specialist CPIS people.

The duties of such a job usually include the design of coding structures and the maintenance of coding lists, the maintenance and development of CPIS hardware/software, the provision of a programming service, and maintaining the security of the CPIS.

Some organizations will also see their CPIS administrator as the person who provides central manpower statistics.

The specialists recruited into the personnel department to fill these posts can find difficulty in developing their careers; they are neither in a main-line data processing job – systems analysis or programming – nor practising other marketable skills such as OR, statistics or even manpower planning.

CPIS administrators are seldom seen as personnel specialists; in fact, the danger is that, unless the organization thinks carefully about the skills these people have and how they might best be used, the post will be seen as "one-off" speciality with no other job into which the occupant can develop.

The level of specialist technical expertise –corporate or statistical – needed to do the job of a CPIS administrator is relatively low. The major qualities required of such an administrator are knowledge and experience of personnel practices, a logical and systematic approach to problem solving and good interpersonal and communication skills.

The technical skills needed, such as the use of inquiry language and the maintenance and administration of the system, can be quickly taught. This means that such a post can be filled by a personnel generalist, as the major qualities needed to perform the job should be those of any personnel professional.

The personnel section of larger organizations will usually be training one or more personnel assistants and the job of a CPIS administrator could be seen as a developmental post for personnel generalists.

One interesting feature of this job is helping line managers to decide what information they need to assist them with a particular manpower problem. This means that the administrator must understand the manager's problems thoroughly and must work with that manager to solve them. Project work of this kind develops a deep understanding of the relationship between manpower needs and the business, an excellent training for any personnel person.

I have not yet seen an organization that has reached what might be called "stage three" in the development of their CPIS. At this point the organization stops thinking about the computer as a tool for doing existing jobs quickly or new jobs efficiently; rather, the personnel role is completely reviewed in the light of the available technology.

This means that new questions will be asked, such as: Why can't line management set up their own new starters? Manage their own absenteeism? Manage changes in conditions of service?

With careful programming, systems can be created that substantially reduce the need for written requests to be sent by line managers to the personnel department who, for their part, then have to update and interrogate the CPIS and return the answer to line management.

This is perhaps, the way the personnel function will develop using new technology where many of the routine administrative functions become the responsibility of line managers, while personnel people will increasingly become involved in strategic business considerations.

Perhaps, at this stage, the need will be for far more generalists, both in line manager positions and in personnel positions, who understand the use of computers rather than the few specialists that we now see.

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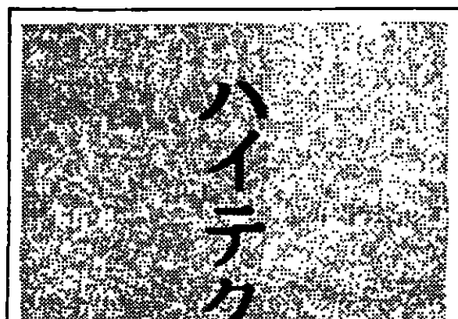
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GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

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GENERAL APPOINTMENTS

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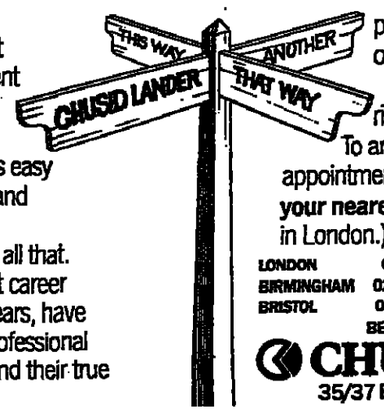
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A guide to career development

Going up in the Force

The bright recruit to the police can still rise from the ranks to a high position and he will have every chance to make the break through, says Neil Harris



To the casual onlooker, one police officer is very much like another, a presence in the community fighting crime, advising on crime prevention and easing our traffic problems.

Yet once in the police force and having completed the first two years of probation there are many opportunities to specialize, to develop skills which will be important later, and perhaps eventually move to higher ranks.

Young officers straight out of their initial training school are only just beginning their training, not completing it.

During the first two years officers are first given a period of familiarization training to acquaint them with the police station, its procedures, the area in which it stands and the patterns of crime in the locality.

This period completed, they go on street duty with an experienced officer, learning policing skills in the community. These experiences, interleaved with classroom training, short attachments to specialist branches and learning to keep accurate records, culminate in an examination which must be passed before the probation period is successfully completed.

As a constable opportunities arise to join specialist groups. This may mean joining the CID as a detective constable, becoming a dog handler or a mounted police officer or becoming a member of the traffic police.

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There are 90,000 constables and 20,000 sergeants, so every year opportunities arise for some constables to be promoted. Before promotion a constable must obtain permission from a senior officer to attempt the sergeant's examination and subsequently undertake the study to pass it.

This is accomplished by a combination of classroom training, seminars and private study which covers such subjects as police regulations, law, legal procedure and knowledge of police work.

Sergeants occupy the first management position in the force. Each sergeant is responsible to an inspector for a team of constables. A sergeant's duties include organizing the work of their team, preferring charges on suspicion and leading a team in the field when a major incident occurs.

Constables who have been working in a specialist branch of the force are moved back into general duties with the uniformed branch on promotion to sergeant. This means having to give up their particular specialization for at least two years after which they can, if they wish, apply for a place as a sergeant back in the area where they worked as a constable.

Inspectors are the next grade in the management chain. They are responsible for everything which happens on their division during their eight-hour shift, supervising sergeants and teams of constables in whatever operations are in progress and managing a police station. Unless something really serious happens the buck stops with the inspector.

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Inspectors and chief inspectors are responsible to a sub-divisional commander for the deployment of all the resources under their control in the most effective way. This includes not only the management of around four sergeants and 40 constables but also of vehicles, communications networks, computers and other ancillary equipment.

The individual training, assessment and welfare of subordinates is one of their responsibilities. Inspectors can be working in the CID co-ordinating major investigations. Others liaise with local authorities about community matters or major events such as carnivals or the introduction of new traffic schemes.

When a major emergency arises it is the inspector who determines the police response deploying officers and equipment to the scene and giving decisive leadership.

Above the rank of inspector, selection for senior positions in the police depends on selection boards, not examinations. Officers need to gain experience in many areas of police work, not just one or two specialisms if they are to lead large groups of junior ranks and make major decisions about the deployment of large resources as superintendents and chief constables.

Again Bramshill provides "Command Courses" of training and those progressing through these ranks and, as at the most junior levels, these courses are complemented with on-the-job experience and training to develop the necessary skills.

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World Cup a perfect stage for new society to enhance their stature against the establishment

Dalton gang cast an All Black shadow

From David Hands
Rugby Correspondent
Sydney

It does not do for an artist to get too close to his canvas. He loses his sense of perspective. Thus it is difficult to know quite what to expect from Rugby Union's first World Cup, which has been preying on the minds of those closely involved in the game for at least the past year and, in the case of those administrators who prepared the initial feasability study, for the past three years.

There have been no drums, no trumpets for the tournament which begins in Eden Park, Auckland, tomorrow when New Zealand, one of the two host nations, play Italy. True, there was a banquet in Auckland and Brisbane last Sunday for all competing teams and that, at least was typical of rugby traditions.

New Zealand against Italy on day one does not stir the imagination unduly but, in a sense, it should because this is a meeting of the old and the new which is what this World Cup should be about. It was New Zealand who, in the 1888-89 season, dispatched the first major touring side to the British Isles: that predominantly Maori party played 74 matches and began a magnificent New Zealand tradition within the game which is now being challenged by the younger nations, of whom Italy is one.

Gary Pearce will break Fran Cotton's record of international appearances by an England prop forward when he steps out against Australia on Saturday. Pearce, aged 31, will win his 32nd cap.

This tournament is a recognition of the fervour of the younger nations and represents a coming to terms among traditional rugby nations with a new society, a society for which fresh rules and regulations will have to be established and maintained because the old ones have been so much recognized in the breach rather than the observants. It is an embodiment of the associate membership introduced by the International Rugby Football Board last year which currently means little but which must come to mean more or the emerging nations will tred a different road from that the IRFB would wish.

I doubt if the tournament will put a huge injection of cash into the game because the public of New Zealand are more discerning about their sport than of yore and their Australian counterparts enjoy so many other sports as much, or more, than they do Rugby Union.

Nor can the eventual winner be regarded as, truly, world champions – not while South African rugby remains in such good shape. South Africa, of course, are not here despite their status as members of the RIFB because Darnie Craven, the chairman of their rugby board, renounced any chance of an invitation in the knowledge that his players would not prove acceptable to the Governments of the host countries, Australia and New Zealand.

It is hard to avoid the conclusion that the final, in Auckland on June 20, will be contested between New Zealand and Australia: New Zealand because of the formidably simple system which marks All Black teams from schoolboys to seniors, Australia because of the commitment, skills and fraternity developed during the last four years amid a singular group of players and Alan Jones, their loquacious and formidably talented coach.

The main drawback for Australia, curious though it may seem, is that they are at home. Their greatest triumphs have been achieved on tour when their single minded approach has brought a Grand Slam in Britain and a Bledislow Cup series in New Zealand.

Teams eliminated from the World Cup tournament after the first round and quarter-finals will not be able to stop on for the final. The losing semi-finalists, who will play for third and fourth positions, will be the only competing countries to get seats for the Auckland final on June 20.

Conversely, if France presents the greatest threat to either Antipodean nation, the French themselves have seldom performed as well away from home as at the Parc des Princes or Toulouse. But the discipline which has been their hallmark throughout their 1986-87 Grand Slam season may carry them further.

Of the home countries England and Ireland may do best through the luck of the draw, though one makes no confident prediction about England because there is so much uncertainty about the hinge of the team, the half backs. At worst they should be runners-up to Australia in pool one and meet in the quarter-finals the pool two winners, probably Ireland or Wales.

The oldest player in the World Cup is Spence McTavish, a Canadian centre, aged 37, while the youngest is Taliauli Liavaa, a Tongan stand-off half, who is 17. The United States team is the oldest in the competition. They have 12 players over 30 and their youngest is Gary Hein, a wing from Berkeley, California, who is 22.

The other quarter-finals should bring together New Zealand from pool three against Scotland, potential runners-up to France in group four. Lest anyone think this blithely disregards the prospects of the younger nations, it does not; Canada, for instance, have gone to unprecedented lengths in the preparations and the mercurial Fijians, given half a chance to play and a dry pitch, are a nation of athletes.

But winners, in this most testing of team sports, are not made overnight. This is the beginning of a long road for Americans, Italians, and Rumanians seeking a place among the world's best. I doubt if the old order is ready to be overturned . . . yet. It will be no surprise if it is Andy Dalton, the New Zealand captain, who becomes the first recipient of the Webb Ellis Cup.



Top of the world: John Rutherford, of Scotland, the home countries' player of the year

Strike up the band and let talent rise in song

From Gerald Davies, Auckland

The man from Bath, stockbroker or farmer, will spend as much time following the yellow-tinted motorway to the Recreation Ground as will the North Shore man cross the bridge to train at Eden Park in Auckland. The Irishman will travel the length of his country for a squad session as will the Scotsman. The quality of the practice may vary, the quantity stays unvaringly the same.

If the woolly claustrophobia of so many club fixtures in Wales is without pattern, but is a domestic quarrel, the same can be said, on a grander scale, of Test matches, but which is of international concern.

There is so much of everything that, like Topsy, it all "just grow'd". It may all seem very colourful, but there is no sense of harmony. At the apex of the game's triangle, increasing demands are made upon the time and the efforts of the top player.

On the international level, the incoming and outgoing tours of any of the countries have become more frequent and, in consequence, more ordinary. Their anticipation is no longer so sharp, a generation ago the reciprocal arrangements between members of the International Board were evenly spread every three years or so. New Zealand, for instance, came to Britain and Ireland every ten years – 1953, 1963, 1973, (1967 was a substitute for South Africa). In between, the South Africans and Australians would come in or the Lions would go out.

However, nowadays it is common enough for Test series of one sort or another to occur annually. New Zealand came to our shores to tour in 1978, 1979, 1980 and 1983. Australia came in 1981 and 1984. The Lions went to South Africa in 1980 and New Zealand in 1983.

Each of the home countries travel too. Wales went to Australia in 1978. Ireland to South Africa in 1981, Scotland to New Zealand in the same year. Scotland went to Australia in 1982. England travelled to South Africa in 1984, New Zealand in 1985.

That is a demanding schedule by any standards. But, in addition, wherever space allowed, the emerging countries, such as Romania, Argentina, Fiji and Japan, wanted also to play their part. Standards of competition had to be met, developments encouraged. But the whole diet was fast becoming so rich that it cloyed the appetite. In the end, what did all this toing and froing come to mean? Too many unstructured commitments in the main.

In one way it meant that a new word entered the player's vocabulary. It was called pressure. The accusing finger moved and it was the easy target of the media that was found to be guilty. The above record suggests that the administrators were not wholly innocent either.

But in all this the World Cup must now be welcomed. Countries may be forced to rationalize their playing commitments in the light of the four-yearly peak. Standards must be set from above and each country must play its part. The hold of the administrator must be strengthened and, thus, emasculate the renegade faction.

But, above all, it gives the top player, if he is truly a top player, a platform to parade his talent. True to himself, he, the gifted man, wants theatre. No one man and his dog for him, on the vast expanse of some corporation land, the hey-ho and the moving on of the glancing passers-by. He wants the smell of the winter green in his nostrils and the roar of the crowd close to his appreciative, finely tuned, ears.

Pressure, closely measured, is what makes the blood run; the dancer dance; the singer sing. The player is not indifferent to that teasing tick. It is not the candy-floss of excessive repetition that he wants, and which only melts away, but rather it is the hint of the gilted silver of the winner's medal, permanent to the touch, which inspires. It is what the World Cup could bring . . . provided they observe the game's finest tradition.

How the world became oval

The genesis of Rugby Union's inaugural World Cup is somewhat elusive. The French might claim, with some justification, that they proposed such a venture some two decades ago but failed to find support from the home countries and their erstwhile colonies.

However, is is the enthusiasm of those same former colonies – notably New Zealand and Australia – which has carried the day.

Rugby has, of course, featured on a world stage before, if only with a walk-on part. The Olympic Games of 1900, 1908, 1920 and 1924 included rugby, though the sport's representatives can hardly be said to have been the best available.

In 1900 what was described as the British team (but which sounds like a pick-up team drawn from various athletes) came third out of three behind France and Germany.

In 1908 Cornwall, the champion county, represented Britain at the White City but lost (in the only game) to the Australian touring team of that year. In 1920 the only contestants at Antwerp were the United States and France, the Americans winning 8-0.

They did so again four years later in Paris when Romania were the other contestants; in the deciding match Stanford University, the American representatives, beat France 17-3 and were roundly jeered for their pains.

In 1982 the International Board representatives received the outline of a World Cup tournament from a commercial organization, Sports Sponsorship International Limited, which predicated 12 competing teams playing in Britain in 1985.

Privately, the representatives were impressed, though they were not keen on a tournament run by "outsiders". The following year an Australian journalist, David Lord, conceived a professional world tournament which financially was a non-starter but which generated considerable interest among players for a world championship.

In 1984 the IB approved a feasibility study by Australia and New Zealand for an "international competition, sometimes referred to as a World Cup" and the following year gave their approval for such a competition to be held in 1987.

David Hands

They can turn a game

Our Rugby Correspondent profiles some of the leading players from the eight seeded countries.

AUSTRALIA: If anyone needed reminding of *Simon Poidevin's* accomplishments, his play for the Overseas teams in the International Board centenary celebrations last April will have reminded them. The flanker, aged 28, is far from the biggest back-row forward in international rugby but he is one of the most effective.

NEW ZEALAND: Though he came into the side only two years ago, *Steve McDowell* has virtually become a fixture in what had been for so long the preserve of the elder statesmen, Gary Knight and John Ashworth – the front row. At 25 he is young for an international prop but he held his own against the French last autumn.

FRANCE: *Eric Champ* has been, without doubt, the outstanding French performer throughout the five nations championship, which he rounded off in grand-slam style by scoring two tries against Ireland. The Toulon flanker will celebrate his 25th birthday in June and forms part of an outstanding French back row.

ARGENTINA: Whenever one talks about Argentine rugby the name of *Hugo Porta* invariably crops up. South American hopes of success or failure in the tournament may stand or fall with the stand-off half who, at 36, has kept going to realize his ambition of playing in the World Cup.

ENGLAND: There are not many world-class players in England just now and it would be premature to describe *Dean Richards* as such but the Leicester No. 8 has won a considerable reputation, both as a physical force and a positional eccentric in just three internationals. He has a somewhat ungainly stride but his strength and ball-handling brings out the best in those around him.

SCOTLAND: When *John Rutherford* came into the British Lions test side against New Zealand in 1983 it confirmed the opinion of many observers that he should have been in from the start of the series. The stand-off half, voted player of the year by *Rugby World and Post* after the domestic season, has formed a renowned half-back partnership with Roy Laidlaw.

IRELAND: *Trevor Ringland* has not become Ireland's most capped wing for nothing. From a somewhat raw youngster, dependant largely upon strength, he has developed into a consistent international try-scorer, overcoming a tendency to take his eye off the ball at crucial moments. The strength remains in a near 14st frame and an all-enveloping tackle should win him new admirers.

WALES: New Zealand is the land where the lineout becomes free and somewhat easy but *Robert Norster* proved with the 1983 Lions that he could survive the physical buffets and still come out ahead. The Cardiff lock's consistency has been one of the enduring features of a series of limited Welsh packs over the last five years.



Richards: a physical force



Champ: best of the French



Poidevin: effective flanker

POOL 1

AUSTRALIA

The core of Australia's party has been together since Alan Jones became coach three years ago: 18 of them came to Britain and Ireland to win the grand slam and Simon Poidevin, the vice-captain, will become his country's most-capped player during the tournament. Co-favourites with New Zealand to win the tournament, the Australians won the three-match international series with the All Blacks last year, when they also beat France, the leading northern hemisphere contenders.

Full backs: R Gould (Queensland), A Leeds (New South Wales). Wings: M Burke (NSW), D Campese (NSW), P Grigg (Queensland). Centres: M Cook (Queensland), B Papworth (NSW), A Slack (Queensland). Stand-off halves: M Lynagh (Queensland), S James (NSW). Scrum halves: N Farr-Jones (NSW), B Smith (Queensland). Props: M Hartill (NSW), C Lillicrap (Queensland), A McIntyre (Queensland), E Rodriguez (NSW). Hookers: T Lawton (Queensland), T Coker M McBain (Queensland). Locks: W Campbell (Queensland), S Cutler (NSW), R Reynolds (NSW). Flankers: S Poidevin (NSW), J Miller (Queensland), No. 8s: S Tuynman (NSW), D Codey (Queensland). Captain: A Slack. Manager: K Grayling. Coach: A Jones.

ENGLAND

England, who were placed bottom of the 1987 five nations championship, have emphasized throughout the last 12 months that their priority has been the World Cup. Selection earlier this year was hindered by injuries to several locks and to Dean Richards, now regarded as a key player despite his limited international experience. However, when it came to selection for Australia and New Zealand, only Simon Halliday, the Bath centre who returned to the national side against Scotland, was unavailable.

Full backs: W M H Rose (Harlequins). J M Webb (Bristol). Wings: M E Harrison (Wakefield), R Underwood (Leicester), M D Bailey (Harlequins). K G Simms (Wasps), F D Clough (Orrell). Stand-off halves: P N Williams (Orrell), C R Andrew (Wasps) Scrum halves: R M Harding (Bristol), R J Hill (Bath). Props: P A G Rendall (Wasps), G J Chilcott (Bath), G S Pearce (Northampton). Hookers: B C J A Probyn (Wasps). Hookers: B C Moore (Nottingham), R G R Dawe (Bath). Locks: S Bainbridge (Fylde), W A Dooley (Fylde), P J Winterbottom (Headingley) No. 8s: D Richards (Leicester). Captain: M E Egerton (Bath). Captain: M E Harrison. Manager: M P Weston. Coach: M J Green

JAPAN

It has not been the happiest of seasons for Japan, who drew with the United States on tour, lost to Scotland and England in the autumn, and finally went down to South Korea by two points in the Asian championship. While they have retained most of the backs who toured in Britain they have changed several forwards and will have watched with interest last weekend the performance of the South Koreans, against whom Australia (in the same group as Japan) played their warm-up match.

Full backs: S Mukai (Toshiba). D Murai (Maruben). Wings: S Onuki (Suntory), T Yoshino (Suntory). M Okidoi (Suntory). Centres: E Kuchiki (Toyota). K Yoshinaga (Matsuda). N Taumoefolau (Sanyo). Stand-off halves: S Hirao (Kobe Steel), K Matsuo (Doshisha University). Scrum halves: Y Konishi (Suntory), H Ikuta (Mitsubishi). Props: T Kimura (World), M Aizawa (Ricoh), K Doguchi (Nissin Steel), K Yasumi (Toyota). Hookers: Tsuyoshi Fujita (Nissin Steel), T Hirose (Doshisha University). Locks: T Hayashi (Kobe Steel), S R Kunihara (Waseda University), Y Sakurabe (Nippon Steel). Flankers: K Miyamoto (Doshisha University), S T Kawase (Meiji University OB), S Latu (Daido University), A Oyagi (World). No. 8: M Onda (Nippon Steel). Captain: T Hayashi. Manager: S Konno. Coach: K Miyaji.

UNITED STATES

The Americans may go in as Olympic champions (albeit from 1924) but their most recent experiences in Australia in 1983 were not encouraging. However, they have played a series of preparatory games against their various union sides, following defeat against Canada and a draw with the touring Japanese. They did well on tour in Japan two years ago and will hope to act as spoilers in pool one.

Full backs: M Caulder (Eastern Union). R Nelson (Pacific Coast). Wings: G Ham (Pacific Coast). Centres: R Purcell (Pacific Coast). K Higgins Helu (Pacific Coast). T Vinuk (Eastern Union). Stand-off halves: J Wyatt (Eastern Union). Scrum halves: D Dickson (Eastern Union). M Saunders (Pacific Coast). Props: N Brendel (Mid-West). A Pack (Western Union). R Bailey (Pacific Coast). F Howarth (Eastern Union). Hookers: J Everett (Pacific Coast). P Johnson (Mid-West). Locks: E Burlingham (Pacific Coast). R Causey (Eastern Union). S Finkel (Mid-West). W Shirleet (Pacific Coast). K Swords (Eastern Union). Flankers: G Lambert (Eastern Union). B Warhurst (Pacific Coast). A Rennell (Pacific Coast). No. 8: B Vizard (Pacific Coast). Captain: E Burlingham. Manager: J Lombard. Coach: R Mayes.

POOL 2

CANADA

Canadian preparations began with two short tours last summer, to France where they met strong club opposition, and to Ireland where they did not fare so well. But they have a handful of outstanding players, including Hans de Goede and Gareth Rees who have both played club rugby in Britain, and have managed to draw together the bulk of their squad within British Columbia so that they could train together; certainly their fitness was noticeable in the Can-Am match in which they beat the United States 27-15, and again in this month's 33-9 win over the same opponents.

Full backs: M Wyatt (British Columbia), C Jones (Ontario). Wings: P Palmer (BC), T Woods (BC), S Gray (Ontario). Centres: S McTavish (BC). J Lecky (BC), P Vaesen (BC). Stand-off halves: G Rees (BC), I Hyde-Lay (BC). Scrum halves: D Tucker (Alberta), I Stuart (BC). Props: B Schmeisser (Ontario), B Hamilton (Ontario), E Evans (BC), R Breen (BC). Hookers: K Svoboda (BC), M Cardinel (BC). Locks: R van der Brink (BC), H de Goede (BC). R Hudson (BC). Flankers: R Radu (BC), J Robertson (BC), B Breen (BC). No. 8s: G Ennis (BC), R Frame (BC). Captain: H de Goede. Manager: D Veach. Coach: G Johnston.

IRELAND

However limited their playing numbers, the Irish invariably travel and perform well. Winners at home to England and away to Wales – who are in the same World Cup group – in the domestic championship, the saddest aspect of their party is that it lacks Nigel Carr, the Ards flanker, injured in a bomb explosion and forced to withdraw. It does contain Philip Orr, the most-capped prop in the world, who was a British Lion in New Zealand 10 years ago.

Full backs: H P MacNeill (London Irish). P J Rainey (Ballymena). Wings: T M Ringland (Ballymena). K D Crossan (Instonians). P Haycock (Terenure). Centres: M J Kiernan (Dolphin). B J Mullin (Oxford University). D G Irwin (Instonians). Stand-off halves: P M Dean (St Mary's College). A J P Ward (Greystones). Scrum halves: D M T Bradley (Cork Constitution). J A P Doyle (Greystones). Props: P A Orr (Old Wesley). J Langbroek (Blackrock College). D C Fitzgerald (Lansdowne). J J McCoy (Ballymena). Hookers: H T Harbison (Bective Rangers). C Kingston (Dolphin). Locks: D G Lenihan (Cork Constitution). W A Anderson (Dungannon). J J Glennon (Skerries). N Francis (Blackrock College). Flankers: P M Matthews (Wanderers). P C Collins (Lansdowne). D G McGrath (Cork Constitution). No. 8: B J Spillane (Bohemians). Captain: D G Lenihan. Manager: S Millar. Coach: M G Doyle.

TONGA

Like most of the others squads, Tonga have gone for experience and their party includes two players, Fakahau Valu and Polutele Tu'ihalamaka, who took part in the win over Australia in 1972 at Ballymore. More recently Tonga took part in a physical encounter with the touring Welsh, who won 15-7 last summer, and they won the Pacific championship by beating Fiji and Western Samoa, though they subsequently lost 15-3 to Fiji. Their party includes a 17-year-old stand-off half in Talia'uli Liava'a.

Full backs: L Fusimalohi (Kolomotua). T 'Eteaki (Hihifo). Wings: F Kitekei'Aho (Hihifo). S 'Asi (Havelu Loto). K Fielea (Sopu). Centres: S Mohi (Hihifo). L Vaipulu (Police). 'A Liava'a (Hihifo). Stand-off halves: T 'Uli Liava'a (Hihifo). 'A 'Amone (Police). Scrum halves: T Fifita (Hihifo). M Vunipola (Tu Tavatu'utoohu). Props: S Motu'Apuaka (Police). S Ve'Eno (Ha'Atalifo). V Lutua (Police). H Tupou (Hihifo). Hookers: S Afu (Police). T Makisi (Hihifo). Locks: P Tu'Ihalamaka (Police). M Tu'Ungafasi (Hihifo). K Fine-Ha'Asifo). Flankers: K Valu (Hihifo). T Kakato (Hihifo). M Filise (Ha'Atalifo). No. 8s: S Tahaafe (Ta Tavatu'utohu). K Fotu (Koloto'ou). Captain: F Vaka. Manager: S Kite. Coach: M Tuku'aho.

WALES

It has been a season of unfulfilled promise for Wales, who looked during the domestic championship to have the makings of a good side only to find injuries revealed a lack of depth in certain areas. Assuming full fitness in the squad, notably to Stuart Evans of Neath, they may do well in the World Cup. Injury hindered the prospects of Ian Eidman, the experienced Cardiff prop, and forced Jonathan Griffiths, the uncapped Llanelli scrum half, out of the party after selection.

Full back: P H Thorburn (Neath). Wings: I C Evans (Llanelli). A M Hadley (Cardiff). G M Webbe (Bridgend). Centres: J A Devereux (South Glamorgan Institute). M G Ring (Cardiff). B Bowen (South Wales Police). K Hopkins (Swansea). Stand-off halves: J Davies (Neath). M Dacey (Swansea). Scrum halves: R N Jones (Swansea). R Giles (Aberavon). Props: J Whitefoot (Cardiff). A Buchanan (Llanelli). S Evans (Neath). S A Blackmore (Cardiff). Hookers: K Phillips (Neath). W J James (Aberavon). Locks: R L Norster (Cardiff). S Sutton (South Wales Police). H Richards (Neath). R D Moriarty (Swansea). Flankers: W P Moriarty (Swansea). R C Collins (South Wales Police). G J Roberts (Cardiff). No. 8: P T Davies (Llanelli). Captain: R D Moriarty. Manager: D C T Rowlands. Coach: A J Gray.

POOL 3

ARGENTINA

Argentina drew their two-match series with the touring French last summer but then endured a disappointing visit to Australia, where Hugo Porta, their genius for the last decade, was hindered by a leg injury. However, Porta remains and with him some delightful backs, among them the Lanza brothers who possess both speed and subtlety. If their forwards can ensure good possession, the Argentine backs might surprise the more conventional teams in their pool.

Full backs: R Madero (SIC Isidro). S Salvat (Alumni). G Angaut (La Platta). Wings: J Lanza (CUSA). P Lanza (CUSA). Centres: F Turnes (Banco Nacion). D Cuesta-Silva (SIC Isidro). M Campo (Pueyrredon). Stand-off halves: H Porta (Banco Nacion). J Manuelle (La Platta). Scrum halves: F Gomez (Banco Nacion). M Yanguela (Pueyrredon). Props: S Dengra (San Martin). F Morel (CASI). L Molina (Tucuman). H Torres (Cordoba). Hookers: D Cash (SIC Isidro). J Clement (Santa Fe). Locks: E Branca (CASI). R Cobelo (CASI). S Carosso (Olivos). Flankers: G Milano (Rosario). A Scheivo (Pueyrredon). I Allen (CASI). J Mastainy (Mamuel Belgrano). No. 8: G Travaglini (CASI). Captain: H Porta. Manager: O Martinez Basante. Coach: H Silva.

FIJI

Considering their limited resources, the Fijians are not short of preparation for the World Cup: in 1985 they were in Britain, holding Ireland to a one-point margin in a game they could have won though losing heavily to Wales. Last year they sent a Barbarians team on a world tour and have recently competed in the South Pacific Cup, though not with great success. They have omitted Acura Nuquita, the stand-off half who did well on tour two years ago, because he would not take unpaid leave of absence from his job in Sydney.

Full backs: S Koroduadua (Suva), J Kubu (Rewa). Wings: S Tuvula (Peters North, Queensland), T Mitchell (Army). K Nalaga (Nadrogal, T Cama (Suva). Centres: R Salusalu (Yosawa). S Lewakoro (Suva). E Naituku (Nasinu). Stand-off half: E Rokowaiboa (Army). Scrum halves: P Nawalu (Suva), P Tabuludu (Nandi). Props: R Namoro (Naitasan North). S Naituku (Rewa). P Volavola (Nandi). Hookers: M Taga (Suva). E Rakai (Suva). S Naiwilawasa (Suva). Locks: I Savai (Nadroga). K Rakoroi (Suva). J Sanday (Suva). Flankers: S Vunivalu (Suva). J Cama (Police). M Qoro (Nandi). No. 8s: L Kidakoromo (Suva). P Gale (Nandi). Captain: K Rakoroi. Manager: J Taka. Coach: J Savau.

ITALY

It was a bodyblow for Italy when they learned last month that Stefan Bettarello, their stand-off half and leading points scorer, would not be available for the World Cup. It has not been the best of seasons for them in the FIRA tournament in any case, and now they are drawn in a difficult pool with New Zealand, Argentina and Fiji. They have kept a large squad together for the last few months, having toured in Australia last summer, and selection took place after a trial game against the French Army.

Full backs: D Tebaldi (Parma). Wings: M Cuttita (L'Aquila), M Mascioletti (L'Aquila). S Ghizzoni (L'Aquila). Centres: S Barba (CUS Roma). S Zorzi (Treviso). F Gaetaniello (Parma). Stand-off halves: R Ambrosio (CUS Roma). D Collodo (Treviso). Scrum halves: A Ghini (Parma). F Longoni (Padua). Props: G Cucchietta (L'Aquila). S Romagnoli (Parma). T Lupini (Rovigo). G Rossi (Treviso). Hookers: G Morelli (L'Aquila). A Salvazzo (Padua). Locks: M Gardin (Padua). F Berni (Milano). A Colella (L'Aquila). Flankers: G Artuso (Padua). R Dolfano (Treviso). G Zanon (Treviso). G Farina (Padua). M Pavin (Treviso). No. 8: M Innocenti (Padua). Captain: M Innocenti. Manager: M Mondelli. Coach: M Bollesan.

NEW ZEALAND

Though without the exceptionally promising Mike Brewer in their back row, New Zealand have tried to marry the best of their young forwards with several older heads – notably that of Andy Dalton, their captain, who seemed to have dropped out of the picture after the Cavaliers tour to South Africa last year. John Gallagher, born in London, is one full back in a party containing five players who have not previously appeared in New Zealand colours; Gallagher toured France last autumn but did not win a cap in the International series, which was shared 1-1.

Full backs: J Gallagher (Wellington). K Crowley (Taranaki). Wings: J Kirwan (Auckland). C Green (Canterbury). T Wright (Auckland). Centres: J Stanley (Auckland). B McGahill (Auckland). W Taylor (Canterbury). Stand-off halves: G Fox (Auckland). A Botica (North Harbour). Scrum halves: K Kirk (Auckland). B Deans (Canterbury). Props: R Loe (Waikato). J Drake (Auckland). S McDowell (Auckland). Hookers: A Dalton (Counties). S Fitzpatrick (Auckland). Locks: M Pierce (Wellington). A Anderson (Canterbury). G Whetton (Auckland). Flankers: A Whetton (Auckland). M Jones (Auckland). Z Brooke (Auckland). M Brooke-Cowden (Auckland). No. 8s: W Shelford (North Harbour). A Earl (Canterbury). Captain: A Dalton. Manager: R Guy. Coach: B Lochore.

POOL 4

FRANCE

Ostensibly the main northern hemisphere hope for success in the tournament, bolstered by their grand-slam success in the five nations championship and superb discipline and application induced by Jacques Fouroux and Daniel Dubroca. The main reservation is French failure to travel well: performances away were muted during the domestic season but on their day capable of upsetting any other team in the tournament. No side will have played more full internationals in preparation; they are without Jerome Gallion, their reserve scrum half, goal-kicking wing, Philipe Bérot, and Jean Baptiste Lafond.

Full backs: S Blanco (Biarritz), D Camberabero (Béziers). Wings: M Andrieu (Nimes). P Esteve (Lavelanet). P Lagisquet (Bayonne). Centres: E Ntamack (Toulouse). P Sella (Agen). D Charvet (Toulouse). Stand-off halves: G Laporte (Graulhet). F Mesnel (Racing Club de France). Scrum halves: P Berbizier (Agen). R Modin (Brive). Props: L Armary (Lourdes). J-P Garuet (Lourdes). P Ondarts (Biarritz). J-L Tolot (Agen). Hookers: D Dubroca (Agen). P Dintrans (Tarbes). Locks: J Condom (Biarritz). A Lorieux (Aix-les-Bains). F Haget (Biarritz). Flankers: E Champ (Toulon). D Erbani (Agen). J-L Joinel (Brive). No. 8s: A Carminati (Béziers). L Rodriguez (Montferrand). Captain: D Dubroca. Manager: Y Noe. Coach: J Fouroux.

ROMANIA

Romania have undergone a domestic upheaval within the last six months, both in playing and administrative terms. Beaten 60-0 by Ireland last November their coach, Valeriu Irimescu, shouldered much of the blame, along with several senior players. But some of those seniors have returned, notably Mircea Paraschiv as captain, with a new manager, Dumitru Mihalache who, at 36, is as young as some of his squad.

Full back: M Toader (Dinamo Bucharest). Wings: A Lungu (Dinamo). V David (Steaua Bucharest). A Marin (Grivita Rosie). Centres: A Pitorsch (Farul Constanta). S Tolan (Dinamo). A Tinca (Farul). V Ion (CEMIN Baia Maree). Stand-off halves: D Alexandru (Steaua). R Bezuscu (Buzau). Scrum halves: M Paraschiv (Dinamo). T Coman (Steaua). Props: I Bucan (Dinamo). V Pascu (Dinamo). F Opris (Farul). G Leonte (Steaua). Hookers: E Gingore (Farul). V Ilie (Grivita Rosie). Locks: S Constantin (Farul). N Veres (Dinamo). C Raducanu (Dinamo). Flankers: F Muraru (Steaua). H Dumitras (Buzau). E Necula (Farul). No. 8s: L Constantin (Steaua). G Dumitru (Farul). Captain: M Paraschiv. Manager: D Mihalache. Coach: M Naca.

SCOTLAND

Scotland had justifiable hopes of travelling to the World Cup as Britain's leading side but the triple crown eluded them when they lost to England in their final five nations championship match and sank to the middle of the championship table. Though drawn in a difficult group, their mobile style and the experience of their half backs, Rutherford and Laidlaw – who played in New Zealand together for the 1983 British Lions – should attract many admirers. Their main absentees are John Beattie (No. 8) and Alastair Campbell (lock) both injured.

Full backs: A G Hastings (Watsonians), P W Dods (Gala). Wings: G R T Baird (Kelso), M D F Duncan (West of Scotland), I Tukalo (Selkirk). Centres: S Hastings (Watsonians), K W Robertson (Melrose), A V Tait (Kelso). Stand-off halves: J Y Rutherford (Selkirk), D S Wylie (Stewart's Melville FP). Scrum halves: R J Laidlaw (Jedforest), G H Oliver (Hawick). Props: A K Brewster (Stewart's Melville FP), I G Milne (Heriot's FP), N A Rowan (Boroughmuir), D M B Sole (Bath). Hookers: C T Deans (Hawick), G J Callander (Kelso). Locks: A J Tomes (Hawick), D B White (Gala), J F Richardson (Edinburgh Academicals). J R E Campbell-Lamerton (London Scottish). Flankers: F Calder (Stewart's Melville FP), J Jeffrey (Kelso), D J Turnbull (Hawick). No. 8: I A M Paxton (Selkirk). Captain: C T Deans. Manager: R D S Munro. Coach: D Grant.

ZIMBABWE

Every member of the Zimbabwean team comes from Mashonaland, by far the most powerful of their four districts. Their main preparation was against the touring Portuguese in April, whom they beat in two internationals, and they subsequently went to training camp north of Harare. As underdogs in pool four they are in a "no-lose" situation and special note will be taken of Richard Tsimba, the centre, who is the first black player to appear for Zimbabwe.

Full backs: K Zhiel, A Buidentag. Wings: E Barrett, S Graham, J Reilander, P Kaulbach. Centres: R Tsimba, K Graham. Stand-off halves: C Brown, M Grobler. Scrum halves: M Jellicoe, A Ferreira. Props: G Elcombe, A Tucker, G Davidson, A Nicholls. Hookers: K Bell, L Bray. Locks: N Kloppers, M Sawyer, M Martin. Flankers: R Grey, M Neill, A Smith, D Buidentag. No. 8: E Bredenkamp. Captain: M Jellicoe. Manager: R Brown. Coach: B Murphy.

WORLD CUP RUGBY

The Times guide to do-it-yourself score-keeping in the World Cup. You can keep a record of all the results, match by match, pool by pool and table by table, as the tournament unfolds over the next month.

POOL 1

May 23 (Sydney)
Australia ( ) England ( )
May 24 (Brisbane)
Japan ( ) USA ( )
May 30 (Sydney)
England ( ) Japan ( )
May 31 (Brisbane)
Australia ( ) USA ( )
June 3 (Sydney)
England ( ) USA ( )
June 3 (Sydney)
Australia ( ) Japan ( )

	Aus	Eng	Jap	US	Pts	Pos
Australia						
England						
Japan						
USA						

POOL 2

May 24 (Napier)
Canada ( ) Tonga ( )
May 25 (Wellington)
Ireland ( ) Wales ( )
May 29 (Palmerston North)
Wales ( ) Tonga ( )
May 30 (Dunedin)
Ireland ( ) Canada ( )
June 3 (Invercargill)
Wales ( ) Canada ( )
June 3 (Brisbane)
Ireland ( ) Tonga ( )

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Canada						
Ireland						
Tonga						
Wales						

POOL 3

May 22 (Auckland)
N Zealand ( ) Italy ( )
May 24 (Hamilton)
Fiji ( ) Argentina ( )
May 27 (Christchurch)
N Zealand ( ) Fiji ( )
May 28 (Christchurch)
Argentina ( ) Italy ( )
May 31 (Dunedin)
Fiji ( ) Italy ( )
June 1 (Wellington)
N Zealand ( ) Argentina ( )

	Arg	Fiji	It	NZ	Pts	Pos
Argentina						
Fiji						
Italy						
New Zealand						

POOL 4

May 23 (Auckland)
Romania ( ) Zimbabwe ( )
May 23 (Christchurch)
France ( ) Scotland ( )
May 28 (Wellington)
France ( ) Romania ( )
May 30 (Wellington)
Scotland ( ) Zimbabwe ( )
June 2 (Auckland)
France ( ) Zimbabwe ( )
June 2 (Dunedin)
Scotland ( ) Romania ( )

	Fr	Rom	Sco	Zim	Pts	Pos
France						
Romania						
Scotland						
Zimbabwe						

QUARTER-FINALS

Match 1: June 6 (Christchurch)
..... ( ) ..... ( )
(Winner pool 3) (Runner-up pool 4)
Match 2: June 7 (Auckland)
..... ( ) ..... ( )
(Winner pool 4) (Runner-up pool 3)
Match 3: June 7 (Sydney)
..... ( ) ..... ( )
(Winner pool 1) (Runner-up pool 2)
Match 4: June 8 (Brisbane)
..... ( ) ..... ( )
(Winner pool 2) (Runner-up pool 1)

SEMI-FINALS

June 13 (Sydney)
..... ( ) ..... ( )
(Winner match 2) (Winner match 3)
June 14 (Brisbane)
..... ( ) ..... ( )
(Winner match 1) (Winner match 4)

3RD PLACE PLAY-OFF

June 18 (Rotorua)
..... ( ) ..... ( )

FINAL

June 20 (Auckland)
..... ( ) ..... ( )

WORLD CUP TV

BBC: Highlights of first round matches: May 23: GRANDSTAND: Australia v England; France v Scotland; Italy v New Zealand; Romania v Zimbabwe. BBC1: 1.05pm. SPORTS SPECIAL: Australia v England; France v Scotland. BBC1: 10.50pm.
May 25: BANK HOLIDAY GRANDSTAND: Ireland v Wales; Japan v US. BBC1: 10.05am. WORLD CUP RUGBY UNION: Ireland v Wales; Japan v US; Argentina v Fiji; Canada v Tonga. BBC2: 10.20-10.55pm.
May 26: WORLD CUP RUGBY UNION: Tonga v Wales; Argentina v Italy; Fiji v New Zealand; France v Romania. BBC2: 11.35-11.55pm.
May 30: GRANDSTAND: England v Japan; Canada v Ireland; Scotland v Zimbabwe. BBC1: 10.55am. SPORTS SPECIAL: England v Japan; Canada v Ireland; Scotland v Zimbabwe. BBC1: 10.45pm.
June 2: WORLD CUP RUGBY UNION: Argentina v New Zealand; Australia v US; Fiji v Italy; France v Zimbabwe; Romania v Scotland. BBC2: 7.10-8pm.
June 3: WORLD CUP RUGBY UNION: England v US; Canada v Wales; Ireland v Tonga; Australia v Japan.
Regional:
BBC1 Northern Ireland: May 25: Ireland v Wales, full coverage at 7.20am; highlights: 5.20-5.30pm. Highlights: May 30: Canada v Ireland: 5.20-5.45pm. June 3: Ireland v Tonga: 7.30-7.55pm.
BBC1 Scotland: May 23: France v Scotland, live at 3.55am.
BBC1 Wales: May 25: Ireland v Wales, full coverage at 5.55am. Highlights including Canada v Tonga: 10.35pm. Highlights: May 29: Tonga v Wales; Fiji v New Zealand; France v Romania: 6.35pm. June 3: Canada v Wales; England v US; Ireland v Tonga; Australia v Japan: 6.35pm.

RACING: ARUNDEL—TRAINED FILLY CAN IMPROVE ON PROMISING ASCOT RUN

Celtic Ring to shine in Oaks trial

By Mandarin
(Michael Phillips)

One of the last pieces of the Oaks jigsaw puzzle will fit into place at Goodwood today when 16 three-year-old fillies contest the Sheraton Park Tower Lupe Stakes. And what a difficult race it looks.

Invited Guest, who won the Waterford Candelabra Stakes on the course last August and the Hoover Mile at Ascot later, would have been my choice on last year's form.

But she has had two races at Newmarket this spring and each time has been disappointing: first when she was beaten four lengths by Martha Stevens in the Nell Gwyn Stakes and again when she finished only seventh in the 1,000 Guineas.

The fact that she will be wearing blinkers for the first time in public today indicates that her trainer Robert Armstrong feels she is capable of better.

When she wore them for the first time in a gallop at Newmarket last Saturday Invited Guest went like a scalded cat. It remains to be seen whether they will do the trick again.

What is clear is that there are quite a number waiting in the wings to take advantage of another slip-up, most notably the Queen's runner Nettle, Blessed Event, Celtic Ring, Iosifa, Scimitarra and White Mischief.

Celtic Ring is my selection. I made a note to follow her regardless the next time she ran after watching her finish like an express train in third place behind Unite over a mile at Ascot at the end of April.

Being by Welsh Pageant, out of a half-sister to Ragstone and Castle Keep, Celtic Ring should be even better suited to today's longer distance and that was precisely the impression she gave at Ascot.

Blessed Event, who finished third behind Indian Skimmer and Percy's Lass in the Pretty Polly Stakes at Newmarket, is another who must come into the reckoning as the two who beat her have won the Musidora Stakes and the Sir Charles Clore Memorial Stakes in the meantime.

Neither Scimitara, who changed hands for 620,000 guineas during the winter, and White Mischief have run this year because they have been rather slow in coming to hand.

In the circumstances, they may not be quite ready yet to cope with the likes of Celtic Ring and Blessed Event.

A good run by Celtic Ring will draw further attention to the sound chance that **Adriya** has of winning the second division of the Boxgrove Maiden Fillies Stakes.

Adriya finished sixth in that Ascot race and now her opposition does not look nearly so stiff.

Pencil Sharpener (5.10) and **Chamonis** (6.10) are chosen to collect the other divisions but not with the same conviction.

Today's nap is **Respect** to capture the Raceline Handicap Stakes.

He looked a bit unlucky not to do better than finish third in the corresponding race 12 months ago and even more unfortunate not to beat Royal Fan in a similar race at York nine days ago.

On that occasion he finished like a rocket in second place, just a head behind the winner, but more significantly threequarters of a length in front of the third horse Rotherfield Greys. They renew rivalry now on the same terms.

Captain Holly, another who looked unlucky not to win last time out, is also taken to gain compensation in the RaceForm Handicap Book Centenary Stakes.

Spy Hunter, who started favourite to win the first race of his career at Ascot, can get the losses back by landing the Clive Graham Stakes now that he will be getting 6lb from the York winner Slip and Stick.

Finally, the extreme distance of the Kincsem Stakes seems guaranteed to bring the best out of El Conquistador, whose close relation Mountain Lodge won the Cesarewitch

Blinkered first time
GOODWOOD: 3.35 Invited Guest.



Alex and Chris Mason with Grafton Maisey, their big hope for the Times championship final, which is staged at Towcester tomorrow

GOODWOOD

Selections

By Mandarin

2.30 Spy Hunter.
3.00 RESPECT (nap).
3.35 Celtic Ring.
4.10 Captain Holly.
4.40 El Conquistador.
5.10 Pencil Sharpener.
5.40 Adriya.
6.10 Chamonis.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent

2.30 Slip And Stick.
3.00 Rotherfield Greys.
3.35 Invited Guest.
4.10 One Liner.
4.40 IN DREAMS (nap).
5.10 Pencil Sharpener.
5.40 Recreation.
6.10 Chamonis.

By Michael Seely

3.00 Respect. 4.10 MAZILIER (nap). 4.40 Harlestone Lake.
The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 5.10 TROJAN DESERT

Going: good **Draw: 5f-6f, high numbers best**

2.30 EBF CLIVE GRAHAM GRADUATION STAKES (2-Y-O colts & geldings: £3,539: 6f) (10 runners) BBC 1

102	(5)	1	SLIP AND STICK 8 (D,F) (R Trussell jun) B Hanbury 9-3	R Cochrane	91
103	(9)		AL KHALED (Sheikh Amin Dahlawi) R Hannon 8-11	B Rouse	—
104	(6)	3	AL SHARAH 23 (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-11	B Thomson	78
105	(10)		APPELLANT (A Richards) C Brittain 8-11	S Cauthen	—
107	(1)		BURKAN (F Kalte) N Callaghan 8-11	W Carson	—
110	(4)		HELLO STEVE (Dr S Bennett) R Hannon 8-11	L Jones (5)	—
111	(8)	0	JAZINO 30 (R Popely) P Kelleway 8-11	P Cook	—
117	(2)	3	SPY HUNTER 22 (BF) (C Singer) P Cole 8-11	T Quinn	● 99
118	(3)		STREET MINSTREL (K Abdulla) G Harwood 8-11	G Starkey	—
119	(7)		TIME SHARE (R Crutchley) R Johnson Houghton 8-11	J Reid	—

BETTING: 9-4 Spy Hunter, 5-2 Street Minstrel, 3-1 Slip And Stick, 7-1 Al Sharah, 12-1 Appellant, Jazino, 14-1 Al Khaled, Time Share, 16-1 Hello Steve, 20-1 Burkan.

1986: GULF KING 8-11 C Asmussen (5-6 fav) P Kelleway 9 ran

FORM SLIP AND STICK was well backed on debut when (8-11) battling on well to beat Pontevecchio Notte (8-11) ¾l in a competitive event at York (6f, £3434, good to firm, May 13, 12 ran).
AL SHARAH will appreciate this extra furlong judging by (9-0) a creditable 11l 3rd to potentially very useful Gallic League (9-0) at Bath (5f, mdn, £1360, firm, Apr 28, 7 ran).
SPY HUNTER made a good impression first time out (8-12), being heavily backed and finishing 3¼l 3rd to subsequent winner Ship Of Fools (8-12) at Ascot (5f, £5907, good to firm, Apr 29, 9 ran).
Selection: SPY HUNTER

3.0 RACELINE HANDICAP (£11,316: 5f) (8 runners) BBC 1

201	(4)	011-003	ROTHERFIELD GREYS 9 (CD,F,G) (Mrs D Gleeson) J Pearce 5-9-10	J Leech (7)	97
204	(5)	2040-00	LUNA BID 21 (F,G,S) (A Hall) M Blanshard 4-8-3	W Newnes	92
205	(3)	000330-	WHIPPET 229 (G) (A Richards) C Brittain 3-8-11	S Cauthen	85
206	(6)	4002-02	RESPECT 9 (CD,BF,F,G) (R Richmond-Watson) D Laing 4-8-9	R Cochrane	● 98
208	(6)	10/400-0	AU-DESSUS 16 (D,F) (Sheikh Ali Abu Khamsin) J Winter 4-7-11	A Mackay	98
209	(7)	000000-	FERRYMAN 206 (C,D,F,G,S) (W Plummer) D Elsworth 11-7-11	G Carter	85
210	(2)	3120-00	SANDITTON PALACE 14 (D,F,G) (J Abell) P Felgate 4-7-10	—	87
211	(1)	00-3214	RIMBEAU 12 (D,F,G) (J Wilcox) F Jordan 3-7-7 (6ex)	T Williams	76

BETTING: 9-4 Respect, 7-2 Rotherfield Greys, 9-2 Rimbeau, 6-1 Whippet, 8-1 Ferryman, 12-1 Au Dessus, Luna Bid, 20-1 Sanditton Place.

1986: LAURIE LORMAN 4-7-13 T Williams (12-1) M McCourt 12 ran

FORM RESPECT, a course and distance winner last year, followed up a creditable 6th in listed race (6f) on reappearance with (8-12) head 2nd to Royal Fan (7-7) at York (5f, £11394, good to firm, May 12, 11 ran) with ROTHERFIELD GREYS (9-13) ¾l 3rd.
LUNA BID, best form at 6f but out of touch since (9-6) finishing 4th, beaten about a length, to Latch String (7-10) at Newmarket a year ago (6f, £12486, good to firm, May 31, 14 ran) with AU-DESSUS (7-9) showing early speed before weakening into rear.
FERRYMAN, who has not won over 5f since 1982, scored two 6f victories last season including a (10-0) head beating of Young Jason (8-11) at Brighton (£2871, firm, Jul 9, 5 ran).
SANDITTON PALACE, coming back to 5f last time (8-8), not far below form in finishing about 4¼l 7th to Perion (9-11) at Chepstow (£3779, firm, May 7, 9 ran).
Selection: RESPECT

3.35 SHERATON PARK TOWER LUPE STAKES (3-Y-O fillies: £12,993: 1m 2f) (16 runners) BBC 1

301	(5)	1111-20	INVITED GUEST 21 (B,C,F,G) (R Hubbard) R Armstrong 9-3	B Raymond	● 99
302	(16)	141-	NETTLE 210 (S) (The Queen) W Hern 9-0	W Carson	91
303	(6)	22104-0	BINT PASHA 22 (F) (F Salman) P Cole 8-11	T Quinn	88
304	(11)	23	BLESSED EVENT 21 (R Sangster) B Hills 8-11	C Asmussen	91
305	(3)	3	CELTIC RING 22 (Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk) J Dunlop 8-11	J Reid	90
307	(10)	0320-2	DEBACH DELIGHT 15 (J Miller) M Tompkins 8-11	G Duffield	88
308	(1)	3-4	GRAND ECLIPSE 33 (W Norton) P Kelleway 8-11	P Cook	82
309	(14)	0012-31	ILIONA 10 (F) (Studcrown Ltd) L Cumani 8-11	G Starkey	89
311	(5)	313-2	IOSIFA 12 (C,F) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 8-11	W R Swinburn	98
312	(4)	421-4	KNOWN LINE 21 (F) (R Barnett) H Candy 8-11	W Newnes	89
313	(6)	1210-	MONTERANA 216 (G) (H Morriss) G Wragg 8-11	P Robinson	87
316	(13)	3113-	RHONDALING 382 (G,S) (Mrs R Hambro) P Walwyn 8-11	B Thomson	84
317	(7)	321-	SAINTE JOIE 224 (F) (K Al-Said) L Piggott 8-11	T Ives	85
318	(15)	011-	SCIMITARRA 217 (C,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 8-11	S Cauthen	97
319	(12)	21-	TROJAN MISS 257 (F) (Sir M Sobell) W Hern 8-11	B Rouse	90
320	(2)	12-	WHITE MISCHIEF 216 (F) (J Becher) L Cumani 8-11	R Cochrane	92

BETTING: 7-2 Invited Guest, 4-1 Scimitarra, 5-1 White Mischief, Iosifa, 6-1 Celtic Ring, 12-1 Sainte Joie, Blessed Event, Nettle, 14-1 Known Line, Debach Delight, 20-1 others.

1986: TRALTHEE 8-11 Pat Eddery (9-4) L Cumani 6 ran

FORM INVITED GUEST, blinkered for the first time, steps up in distance after her 8l 1,000 Guineas 7th (9-0) to Miesque (9-0) (1m, £83907, good, Apr 30, 14 ran).
NETTLE acts well on an easy surface judged on her ½l Newbury defeat (8-8) of Gold Fee (8-12) (7f 90yd, £9911, good to soft, Oct 23, 9 ran).
BLESSED EVENT (8-10) was no match for Indian Skimmer (8-10) when 9l 3rd at Newmarket (1m 2f, £12642, good, Apr 30, 15 ran) with KNOWN LINE (8-10), having her first run of the season, a length away CELTIC RING (8-11) finished better than any when 2½l 3rd to Unite (8-11) at Ascot with BINT PASHA (9-3) behind (1m, £8568, good to firm, Apr 29, 14 ran).
IOSIFA (8-9) proved she stays 1m 4f with a 1½l Lingfield 3rd to Port Helene (8-9) (£15478, good to firm, May 9, 8 ran).
SCIMITARRA showed plenty of speed last season, finishing with a 1½l Haydock defeat (8-8) of ILIONA (8-8) (7f 140yd, £3225, good to firm, Oct 16, 11 ran).
WHITE MISCHIEF should stay this trip judging by the way she ran on when ½l 2nd (8-8) to At Risk (8-9) at Newmarket (7f, £13320, good, Oct 17, 13 ran) with DEBACH DELIGHT (8-8) 6¼l 7th and MONTERANA (8-8) out of the first nine.
Selection: WHITE MISCHIEF

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
L Cumani	19	59	32.2
H Cecil	27	89	30.3
G Harwood	50	191	26.2
M Stoute	20	90	22.2
W Hern	28	129	21.7
M Ryan	6	28	21.4

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
G Starkey	40	171	23.4
W Carson	42	255	16.5
S Cauthen	38	236	16.1
G Baxter	12	82	14.6
W R Swinburn	16	110	14.5
J Reid	14	105	13.3

Guide to our in-line racecard

103 (12) 0-0432 TIMESFORM 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 ..... B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F-fell. P-pulled up. U-unseated rider. B-brought down. S-slipped up. R-refused). Horse's name. Days since last outing. (B-blinkers. V-visor. H-hood. E-Eyeshield. C-course winner. D-distance winner. CD-course and distance winner. BF-beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F-firm, good to firm, hard. G-good. S-soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

4.10 RACEFORM HANDICAP BOOK CENTENARY HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £4,012: 6f) (8 runners) BBC 2

402	(4)	01010-3	MAZILIER 20 (F,G) (K Abdulla) G Harwood 9-7	G Starkey	94
403	(1)	044-	LIBRAN STAR 271 (D) (G Teo) H Candy 9-3	W Newnes	81
404	(2)	1200-14	QUICK SNAP 7 (F,G) (Mrs S Crowe) A Ingham 9-1 (5ex)	NON-RUNNER	—
405	(3)	010-42	CAPTAIN HOLLY 12 (CD,G) (S Brewer) P Makin 8-5	T Quinn	98
406	(5)	01-2	TOP AND TAIL 7 (G) (T Ramsden) M Ryan 8-4	P Robinson	● 93
407	(6)	0-03	BU-SOFYAN 28 (J Khan) L Holt 8-3	P Waldron	89
409	(7)	22-1001	ONE LINER 10 (D,G,S) (K Al-Said) N Callaghan 8-1 (5ex)	G Bardwell (5)	94
410	(5)	000-0	TAUSTAFF 29 (Hesmonds Stud) P Walwyn 7-11	N Carlisle	84

BETTING: 5-2 Mazilier, 3-1 Captain Holly, 4-1 Top And Tail, 5-1 One Liner, 10-1 Bu-Sofyan, 14-1 Libran Star, 16-1 Taustaff.

1986: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM MAZILIER (8-10) was conceding fitness edge to the first two when 2l 3rd to Mukhabbir (8-2) at Newmarket (6f, £6472, good to firm, May 1, 12 ran).
TOP AND TAIL (9-3) kept on well when ½l 2nd to Ever Sharp (8-0) at Sandown (5f, £2997, good, May 14, 8 ran).
CAPTAIN HOLLY (8-5) short head second to Quick Snap (9-7) at Bath (5f 167yd, £2802, firm, 5 ran).
BU-SOFYAN reverts to 6f after a 2¾l 3rd (9-0) to Zola Zoom (8-11) at Epsom (7f 11yd, £2289, good, Apr 22, 14 ran).
ONE LINER (7-13), well backed, won by a neck from Last Recovery (7-7) at Windsor (6f, £2411, good, May 11, 18 ran) and may be capable of further improvement.
Selection: ONE LINER

4.40 KINCSEM HANDICAP (£3,895: 2m 3f) (11 runners)

501	(10)	22210-1	EL CONQUISTADOR 14 (F) (J Garcia-Roady) G Harwood 4-9-13 (3ex)	G Starkey	98
502	(6)	0342-	DUNCAN IDAHO 227 (M Huxley) J Fitch-Heyes 4-8-6	—	88
503	(5)	1310-03	ZAUBARR 14 (B,F) (A Spayer) H Beasley 4-8-2	J Williams	94
504	(1)	034-01	CAESAR IMPERATOR 21 (G) (R Dilley) R Akehurst 4-9-2 (5ex)	T Williams	93
505	(4)	2113-22	IN DREAMS 21 (BF,F) (B Heggas) W Haggas 4-8-1	M Hills	94
506	(3)	0214-00	GUESSING 33 (V,S) (Racegoers Club Owners Group) P Mitchell 4-8-13	C Rutter (3)	96
507	(11)	01130-2	HARLESTONE LAKE 17 (F,G,S) (J Dunlop) J Dunlop 5-8-10	W Carson	● 99
508	(8)	3604-31	SUN STREET 28 (F,G,S) (J Hill) C Brittain 5-8-1	G Baxter	98
509	(9)	000-000	CUILLIN SOUND 14 (B) (A Richards) C Austin 4-8-1	W Newnes	—
510	(2)	30020-	RHODE ISLAND RED 281 (J Bruton) A Moore 4-7-10	D McKay	96
511	(7)	2020-00	JANUS 33 (S) (K Little) Mrs N Smith 9-7-9	S Dawson	96

BETTING: 11-4 El Conquistador, 7-2 Caesar Imperator, 4-1 Harlestone Lake, In Dreams, 8-1 Zaubarr, 10-1 Sun Street, 12-1 Guessing, 14-1 others.

1986: ACCURACY 5-8-1 J Williams (5-1) G Balding 11 ran

5.10 BOXGROVE MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (Div I: 3-Y-O: £2,469: 7f) (18 runners)

605	(1)	0-30	BATTLE QUEEN 9 (B Gerhauser) M Ryan 8-11	P Waldron	81
609	(17)	00000-0	BLEU CELESTE 17 (P Crate) R Hutchinson 8-11	—	77
613	(8)	000-	COLDWATER CANYON 210 (C Wright) D Laing 8-11	T Williams	73
617	(3)	00	COURTWOOD 15 (E Moller) G Wragg 8-11	P Robinson	77
620	(11)	00000-0	EMMA'S WHISPER 33 (Mr R Wreford) P Mitchell 8-11	T Ives	74
621	(6)	0-	ENDLESS GOSSIP 206 (V O'Donoghue) D Elsworth 8-11	B Rouse	—
624	(7)	020-40	FRESH THOUGHTS 17 (R Barnett) H Candy 8-11	W Newnes	90
631	(12)	3	KRISTAL AIR 8 (Mrs J Hambro) P Walwyn 8-11	B Thomson	90
632	(16)		LADY'S EARLYBIRD (D Goodwin) A Davison 8-11	M Wigham	—
634	(10)	0-0	LILARDIA 9 (J Abell) P Felgate 8-11	W Ryan	76
638	(13)	00	MISS BUNCE 17 (Mrs H Schlee) A Hide 8-11	P Brette (7)	—
643	(5)		PATHOS (R Sangster) B Hills 8-11	C Asmussen	—
646	(4)	32-	PENCIL SHARPENER 255 (Maktoum Al Maktoum) O Douleb 8-11	Paul Eddery	94
648	(18)	0-0	QUICK RIPOSTE 9 (A Csaky) G Balding 8-11	J Williams	—
649	(2)	003000-	RANKSTREET 198 (Mrs L Buckerfield) S Christian 8-11	W R Swinburn	73
661	(14)	00-	TOP COVER 285 (L Becker) D Elsworth 8-11	A McGlone	—
662	(15)	2	TROJAN DESERT 17 (G Nlarchos) J Tree 8-11	S Cauthen	● 99
664	(9)	22-	ZUAETREH 195 (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-11	R Hills	87

BETTING: 5-2 Trojan Desert, 4-1 Zuaetreh, 5-1 Fresh Thoughts, Kristal Air, 6-1 Pathos, 8-1 Pencil Sharpener, 10-1 Battle Queen, Courtwood, 12-1 others.

1986: RAISINHELL 8-11 S Cauthen (11-2) W Jarvis 19 ran.

5.40 BOXGROVE MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (Div II: 3-Y-O: £2,455: 7f) (17 runners)

2	(13)	0	ADRIYA 22 (H H Aga Khan) R Johnson Houghton 8-11	J Reid	● 99
14	(11)		CONFECTION (C Harper) D Elsworth 8-11	G Carter	—
18	(5)	0000-	DOWNSVIEW LADY 310 (B Marsh) A Moore 8-11	M Wigham	—
22	(4)	2-4	EXOTIC SOURCE 31 (D Agnew) P Cole 8-11	T Quinn	85
25	(10)		HABOOBTI (Sheikh A Al-Maktoum) H Candy 8-11	W Newnes	—
28	(2)	004-0	INDIAN JUBILEE 29 (J Horgan) R Hannon 8-11	B Rouse	71
30	(12)		KITCHEN GOSSIP (Mrs J Siegel) J Sutcliffe 8-11	R Hills	—
33	(3)		LEYALI (Maktoum Al Maktoum) A Stewart 8-11	M Roberts	—
37	(14)	00-	MAY BELFORT 251 (Mrs C St George) J Hills 8-11	M Hills	—
39	(8)	2	MISS CUDDLES 40 (Mrs S Freeman) G Balding 8-11	J Williams	97
44	(7)		PEACEWORK (S Burridge) D Elsworth 8-11	A McGlone	—
50	(6)	3320-0	RECREATION 15 (Lord Tavistock) W Jarvis 8-11	B Raymond	82
51	(17)	0-0	REDWOOD EVE 17 (Mrs R King) S Dow 8-11	N Adams	—
52	(15)	0-	RITZ'S PEARL 260 (Leisure Investments Ltd) N Vigors 8-11	P Cook	—
54	(9)	000-	SHOOT THE MOON 275 (C Basson) P Mitchell 8-11	C Rutter (3)	59
57	(16)		SPIN ME ROUND (R Bonnycastle) B Hills 8-11	C Asmussen	—
63	(1)	00-	VALENTINE SONG 213 (Cheveley Park Stud) J Winter 8-11	W R Swinburn	70

BETTING: 11-4 Miss Cuddles, 7-2 Adriya, 6-1 Exotic Source, Spin Me Around, 8-1 Haboobti, Leyali, 10-1 Recreation, 12-1 May Belfort, 14-1 others.

1986: SOMEONE SPECIAL 8-11 T Quinn (9-4 fav) P Cole 15 ran.

6.10 BOXGROVE MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (Div III: 3-Y-O: £2,455: 7f) (17 runners)

1	(11)	03020-0	ACT OF TREASON 17 (Exors of late T Stratton Smith) D Laing 8-11	T Williams	97
3	(8)	00	AFRICAN QUEEN 8 (H Kaskel) B Hills 8-11	C Asmussen	88
4	(7)	03-	AUNT FRANCES 226 (D Prenn) J Winter 8-11	W R Swinburn	70
10	(10)		CANDY'S SISTER (R Waugh) W Jarvis 8-11	B Raymond	—
11	(15)	0-42	CHAMONIS 17 (I Allan) C Wall 8-11	G Starkey	91
12	(4)		CIRCLE OF FIRE (M Fustok) M Tompkins 8-11	P Robinson	—
25	(12)	0-0	GUARD ROOM 22 (L Freedman) H Cecil 8-11	S Cauthen	—
27	(15)	00000-0	HARTS LANE 38 (P Williams) P Mitchell 8-11	A McGlone	—
29	(5)	0	KAWTHER 13 (M Mutawa) J Dunlop 8-11	W Carson	—
35	(1)		LITTLE WHITE LIES (Miss B Swire) G Balding 8-11	R Weaver	—
41	(14)	00-4	MUST BE MAGIC 45 (R Manson) J Holt 8-11	P Waldron	63
42	(3)		MY MUSZKA (Lord Haddington) D Arbuthnot 8-11	P Cook	—
47	(2)	00-	PENELOPE STRAWBERRY 216 (D Johnson) L Cumani 8-11	R Cochrane	94
53	(17)	0-3	SECRET TELLER 17 (J Philpott Jr) B Hanbury 8-11	M Hills	● 99
58	(9)	020-0	STRELLIANE 31 (C St George) L Piggott 8-11	T Ives	94
59	(9)	00-	TABELLINA 206 (S Cooper) D Elsworth 8-11	B Rouse	—
60	(13)	0-00	TILLEY LAMP 31 (Exors of late Miss V Hermon-Hodge) D Elsworth 8-11	G Carter	73

BETTING: 7-2 Chamonis, 4-1 Secret Teller, 6-1 Act Of Treason, African Queen, 7-1 Guard Room, 8-1 Strelliane, 10-1 Kawther, Must Be Magic, 12-1 others.

1986: NO CORRESPONDING DIVISION

Masons keep fingers crossed for gift horse in Times final

When you get far enough away from the towns, you eventually reach a point where people have stopped worrying about what time it is, and they begin to worry instead about the weather. Farmers are the worst, of course. For a farmer, just about every day manages to be too wet and too dry at the same time.

Horse people are probably the next worst. Alex Mason, and his wife Chris, were not at all happy about the tenative emergence of the sun yesterday. They wanted it to rain in buckets from now until Friday afternoon: that will give the best possible chance to their horse, Grafton Maisey, in *The Times* Championship Hunter Chase at Towcester tomorrow.

That's if she doesn't get balloted out. The Masons are doing a lot of finger-crossing and looking at the sky at the moment. That is when they are not worrying about the weather for different reasons: yesterday looked like being too wet and too dry again: Mason is a farmer, naturally. The point-to-pointing is just an inevitable part of all that.

Point-to-pointing has a weird reputation. At least, it does for the townee, who imagines that point-to-point meetings are populated entirely by arrivistes who pay a 'little man' a perfectly enormous fee to fatigue their Barbour and hunters so they won't look too new in public. In short, yet another sport for the pretentious.

But the Masons are the sort of people that point-to-pointing is really about. They mostly have their being in a chaotic kitchen with an Aga, an enormous piece of real cheese on the table, an enormous jug of real milk in the fridge, and an enormous dog that you have to keep stepping over and who steals the bread if you are foolish enough to leave it unattended and too close to the edge of the table.

"Of course it is expensive — everything to do with horses is expensive," said Mason. "This horse has won just over £300 this season, and even if we win this race we'll still be well out of pocket. But that's not the point of course." Of course. And the costs are different for a farmer. For a start the accommodation is there, and on your doorstep. "And there are no wages to pay: Chris does it all herself."

It is a full-time job for her. There are 'seven or eight' horses to look after, another good point-to-pointer, some young horse she is bringing on, and often enough the horse or two that she is looking after for friends. Grafton Maisey cost nothing: she was a gift from a friend who wanted a good home for the beast.

"I come from a farming background," Chris said. "I've always had horses around me, and I always will. I just couldn't begin to imagine what it would be like not to be surrounded by horses." They hunt them. Mrs Mason rides them in team chases at point-to-points, and her brother, Richard Morley, will ride Grafton Maisey (if she runs) tomorrow.

"She's small, neat and beautifully made," Mason said. "She's very kind and very willing — that's why her stable name is — er — well, I decline to tell you what her stable name is. But it's very endearing."

Mason doesn't ride in point-to-points himself, claiming to be "too old and too scared". His wife revels in giving a horse a crack at anything, but she isn't allowed to race under rules, because of a head injury she was suffered. That's why her brother has the ride. "Point-to-points are just as dangerous but I'm allowed to ride in them, so I do. But there you are."

Horses are dangerous animals, and you'd be stupid not to be aware of the dangers. But to the Masons the horses and the dangers attached are as much as an inevitable part of life as the weather forecast. You are dependent on the weather for your livelihood, you get up at the crack of dawn to carry on the business of living, and you risk your neck on the hunting field and in point-to-point races.

Every aspect of this life is as inevitable as winter, summer, the tax man, fair weather and foul. Growing things and riding horses are an inevitable and natural part of life. It is not exactly the most pretentious way of living I have ever heard of.

Simon Barnes

The grand final of *The Times* point-to-point novice championship takes place at Towcester tomorrow. A comprehensive card for the runners with colours, plus a form guide, listing how the contestants qualified for the final, will complement Brian Beel's preview of the big race.

Shady Heights still in Derby

By Christopher Goulding

Yesterday's final domestic Derby trial, the N M Schroders Predominate Stakes at Goodwood, was won by Ibn Bey, but failed to make a serious contribution to the Derby picture.

Shady Heights, who was attempting to redeem his reputation after his defeat in the Dee Stakes at Chester, finished a disappointing fourth, beaten 8½ lengths.

Brent Thomson, riding Shady Heights for the first time, was disappointed. "I asked him to quicken two furlongs from home and he failed to find anything," he said.

Robert Armstrong, Shady Heights's trainer, said: "He needed the race and blew very hard. We will still go for the Derby."

Ibn Bey, who had previously finished in fifth place, beaten over 15 lengths, behind Legal Bid at Lingfield, was a different horse today according to his jockey, Richard Quinn.

Quinn reported: "At Lingfield, he was not fully wound up. Today, he did it very well and stayed on in fine style."

Anthony Penfold, Fahd Salman's racing manager, who was representing the absent trainer, Paul Cole, said: "He went to post like a racehorse today. It was only his fourth race and he will come on for this. There is no reason why he should not go to Epsom."

Henry Cecil's leading Derby hope, Reference Point, worked well over seven furlongs yesterday morning on the Long Hill gallop at Newmarket. The Derby favourite was ridden by his usual work rider Frank Storey.

Legal Bid, ridden by Willie Ryan, also put in a pleasing gallop at Newmarket yesterday.

Richard Hannon has still to decide about Don't Forget Me's participation in the Epsom classic. The trainer said: "He has come out of his race in Ireland very well. We should know by the end of the week if we go to Epsom."

Barry Hills said: "My Dee Stakes winner Sir Harry Lewis will be ridden at Epsom by John Reid if Cash Asmussen is claimed to ride for Vincent O'Brien.

Reference Point remains a firm favourite for the Derby with Ladbrokes at 6-4. Legal Bid is now 8-1 from 10-1 and Iby Bey gets a 25-1 quote.

Rakaposhi King beat Dancing Brave's course record when landing the Festival Stakes. Lord Howard de Walden's horse will now be aimed at the Coronation Cup at Epsom.

Philip Mitchell has at last shaken off the virus that has plagued his stable for over six months. Golden Minories gave the Epsom trainer his fourth winner this season when winning the *Mail On Sunday* Handicap.

Earlier in the day, Mitchell accompanied Princess Anne when she opened the new all-weather fibre-sand gallop at Epsom. The Princess officially declared the gallop open when riding Mitchell's colt, Guessing.

John Dunlop will work Moon Madness, the winner of last year's St Leger, with Love The Groom after racing at Goodwood today. A stable spokesman said: "He will have his first race at Sandown Park in the Brigadier Gerard Stakes and then go to Royal Ascot for the Hardwicke Stakes.

Jockeys' cash plea rejected

Britain's jockeys were yesterday considering their next move after a request for a slice of the financial cake from satellite racing was turned down on Tuesday.

The jockeys were hoping to boost their association's pension fund by £180,000 from the revenue generated by the new television service being beamed into betting shops. However, the Racecourse Association unanimously rejected their plea.

STRATFORD

Selections

By Mandarin

6.15 Solent Express.
6.45 Masterplan.
7.15 Broad Beam.
7.45 Dartel.
8.15 Incamelia.
8.45 Indian Orator.

Going: good to firm

6.15 RADWAY SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£783: 2m) (14 runners)

1		1000	HOT TWIST 82 (B,D,F) (A Allright) C Holmes 4-11-10	K Burke (4)	—
2		00F0P0	BANG BANG 7 (B) (W Owens) R Lee 5-11-9	B Dowling (4)	—
3		041020	SOLENT EXPRESS 56 (D,S) (Mrs M Saunders) B Stevens 4-11-8	S Moore	● 99
4		P0001F	FLEET FOOTED 33 (S) (P Collins) J Jenkins 4-11-7	S Sherwood	97
6		0003R	SOHO SUE 33 (D Andl) D Andl 4-11-5	G McCourt	98
7		P000	SECRET STOLEN 8 (B) (B Lay) B Lay 4-11-4	Mr L Lay (7)	—
8		004P00	FIC VIC 8 (V Searle) E Wheeler 4-11-3	R Stronge	98
10		004020	CHORISTERS DREAM 143 (B) (Mrs A Lodge) J Perrett 4-11-3	L Harvey (4)	95
11		0P0	THE DABBER 82 (B) (B Wells) B Wells 4-11-3	W Morris	—
12		028P03	SOLSTICE BELL 20 (B) (Mrs H Kilburn) R Voorspuy 5-11-3	M Furlong	83
13		422084	REPETITIVE 2 (M Pipe) M Pipe 4-11-3	J Lower	88
14		200P00	SUNLIT 8 (B Llewellyn) B Llewellyn 4-11-3	Miss B Llewellyn (7)	—
16		0P0P30	GREAT OWING 6 (M Brown) M Brown 5-11-3	J Brown (7)	—
17		P03U	WATENDLATH 13 (T Sanders) R Frost 4-11-3	J Frost	90

BETTING: 5-2 Solent Express, 3-1 Fleet Footed, 4-1 Repetitive, 5-1 Soho Sue, 8-1 Choristers Dream, 10-1 Watendlath, 12-1 Solstice Bell, 14-1 Bang Bang, 16-1 others.

1986: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

6.45 EBF SHELDON BOSLEY MEMORIAL TROPHY (Novice chase: £2,139: 3m 2f) (10 runners)

1		013421	FIREWORKS NIGHT 12 (F) (J Rose) N Henderson 8-11-9	S Smith Eccles	89
2		1-121F3	MASTER BOB 29 (B,G,S) (E Willis) H Handel 9-11-9	J White	89
3		1F121P	MASTERPLAN 64 (C,G,S) (Mrs W Sykes) Mrs W Sykes 10-11-9	S Morshead	● 99
5		P0P133	CAPTAIN LOWE 6 (F) (R Hammond) N Lee-Judson 7-11-4	M Furlong	78
12		PFPPPP	CLEAR MAGIC 21 (P Wright) N Lee-Judson 7-11-0	—	—
13		02/004P	HAYSAVER 17

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BADMINTON

Yates flies flag alone after Hall goes out

From Richard Eaton
Beijing

Nick Yates is England's only survivor in the last 16 of either singles event after the second round of the world championships here yesterday. The England No. 2 was a decisive 15-5, 15-3 winner over Par-Gunnar Jonsson, the Swedish No. 1 in the tournament sponsored by British Airways.

Yates now plays Yang Yang, the third seeded Chinese and the World Grand Prix title-holder after Darren Hall, who was expected to reach the last eight, instead became the first singles seed to be eliminated after a long and exhausting battle. He lost 16-18, 15-8, 15-11, to Zhang Qingwu, finding the partisan Chinese crowd almost as much of an obstacle as the left-hander from Fujian Province.

"They made me a bit nervous sometimes before I served, but I don't think that I played badly," said Hall, aged 21. He led 13-8 and looked set to avenge his defeat to Zhang in the China Open last year.

But after Zhao Jianhua, the Chinese No. 1, tipped by some to win the title, and Hamid Khan, of Singapore, had easily won, the crowd transferred their attentions to one of China's lesser heroes upsetting the seedings. Hall worked hard to win the first game and the effort proved ultimately costly. So too did the three or four points lost when Zhang appeared to move illegally early to meet the service. The Englishman complained to the Japanese umpire. "But he did nothing," Hall said.

Hall at least found some support from Morten Frost, the world No. 1, who lives in Waltham Cross, and who practises with him. The Danish top seed dispatched Serian Wiyatno, the Indonesian, 15-2, 15-4.

● South Africa have earned a reprieve after Tuesday's recommendation by the annual general meeting of the International Badminton Federation that they be suspended. The IBF council have postponed their decision to Saturday to take legal advice.

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TENNIS

Australian will coach British women over 1987 cup campaigns

By Rex Bellamy
Tennis Correspondent

Warren Jacques, aged 49, a genial Australian coach primarily associated with Kevin Curren, Steve Denton and Anne Smith, has been appointed to coach British women's teams before – and during – this year's Federation Cup, Wightman Cup and European Cup competitions.

Jacques will join Jo Durie, Sara Gomer and Annabel Croft in Paris, where the French championships will begin on Monday. Anne Hobbs, who is injured, is not competing. The Australian's first formal assignment will be the world championship for the Federation Cup, to be played in Vancouver from July 26 to August 2.

Born in Sydney, Jacques competed on the international circuit from 1958 to 1968, and was a member of Harry



Curren: helped by Jacques

Hopman's Davis Cup squad, although ranked only eighth in Australia. His career overlapped that of a distinguished group of Australians – among them Neale Fraser, Rod Laver and Roy Emerson, all of whom were Wimbledon champions.

Jacques went to university at Beaumont, Texas, and later settled in Dallas, where he helped to promote and develop local clubs and spread the benefits of Australian coaching methods.

He withdrew from coaching in 1976, because of back trouble, but returned to it in 1981 to advise Curren, Denton and Miss Smith, and was soon "on the road" for much of the year.

The popular Jacques has always felt at home in England. He now lives at Wimbledon and, consequently, is well-placed to give a challenging task his undivided attention. In all three of the events with which he will be associated, the 1986 British teams lamentably failed to achieve as much as had been expected of them. His first task, which is far from easy, will be to imbue diffident players with competitive confidence.

Amritraj induces Gandi to relent

Bombay (Reuter) – The Davis Cup tie between India and Israel will be played in New Delhi, an External Affairs Ministry spokesman said yesterday. The move is seen as a major shift in Indian policy on sporting contacts between the two countries.

A top Indian sports promoter, who declined to be named, said that the Prime Minister, Rajiv Gandhi, who refused an Israeli table tennis team permission to enter India in February to play in the world championships, allowed the tie to go ahead after meeting Indian Davis Cup star Vijay Amritraj earlier this month.

The promoter said Amritraj had persuaded Gandhi to permit the quarter-final tie on the grounds that a refusal might lead the International Tennis Federation (ITF) to expel India from the Davis Cup. Indian foreign policy bars official contacts with Israel in support of the Palestinian cause.

The External Affairs spokesman said the tie would be played here in July because of ITF rules which insist on India hosting the tie. "It is not our first time . . . we have played Israel in table tennis at Belgrade in 1981 and Tokyo in 1983," the spokesman said. "We did not allow the Israelis to come to India for the table tennis championships because the International Table Tennis Federation did not insist on this . . . in tennis it was different," he said.

The top seeds pass an endurance test

Geneva – Rain, which has caused serious disruption to the European Open here all this week, once more tested the players' patience and endurance yesterday (Barry Wood writes).

Condemned to play in a fine drizzle on courts resembling wet sand, the top seeds nevertheless managed to progress into the third round, although the Maleeva sisters had difficulty during their first sets before getting the measure of the conditions and their opponents.

The local wild-card, Celine Cohen, pulled off a thrilling 3-6, 7-6, 7-5 victory over Gabriella Dinu, a West German born in Bucharest.

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ATHLETICS



Speedy: Ben Johnson, the world's leading sprinter

Spanish race to test Christie

By Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent

Linford Christie's relatively sedate start to the sprinting season, despite the presence of Mel Lattany in Norway tonight, should continue in the UK Championships in Derby this weekend. But then comes the rude awakening.

The European champion runs in a field well worthy of an Olympic 100 metres final in Seville next Thursday evening, where he is due to face Carl Lewis, the world and Olympic champion, Ben Johnson, the Commonwealth champion, third in the Olympics and currently fastest man in the world with his 9.95sec (the best non-altitude mark), Calvin Smith, the world record holder at 9.93sec, Lattany, the former non-altitude fastest, and Emmit King.

The temperature for the corresponding meeting last year was over 30 degrees centigrade, and Christie's initial reaction was: "It will go up 10 degrees with a field like that. I'd obviously love to win, but it will be only my third race of the season, and Carl's already had a few. But it's a long way to Rome (the world CHampionships). This will just give me an indication of how I'm going."

Christie was less happy about how much money Johnson and Lewis are getting just to turn up – around $27,000 and $25,000 respectively. Christie, himself, has been offered $5,000.

With Sebastian Coe getting up to $20,000 to run in an almost equally star-studded 3,000 metres, the organizers evidently have a lot of money at their disposal. It is partly the immediate effect of Barcelona having secured the Olympic Games in 1992, which has brought about this surge of interest in athletics, with meetings throughout Spain. But this one in Seville, sponsored by the regional council, is also part of the lead up to celebrating the 500th anniversary of Columbus's discovery of America.

Other leading British performers in Seville next week are Roger Black, having his first individual 400 metres race since winning the European title, and his Team Solent colleague, Todd Bennett, who runs the 200 metres. Jon Ridgeon also goes in the hurdles. The organizers have failed to enlist Said Aouita, even though he is sponsored by a Spanish company.

SPORTS LETTERS

Why broadcast was made

From Mr D.O. Spyer.

Sir, I cannot let the article written by Lord Chalfont (May 14) go without comment. I was the person who thanked the spectators at Twickenham on Saturday over the public address system. I, too, have been going to Twickenham for some 40 years and I personally believe that things have not got any worse these days.

I know for a fact that before my day there was a lot of crowd trouble and hooliganism in many rugby matches, and I can quote you from the Cardiff v Barbarians match of 1925 instances where the police had to interfere and the word "hooliganism" was mentioned in the report of the match.

I had reasons for complimenting the crowd. I do not know where Lord Chalfont received his tuition but I was always taught to use tact and diplomacy and his article is completely lacking in this. In fact I would go so far as to say that articles of this nature do nothing but inflame already delicate situations and do no good whatsoever.

A whole column in *The Times* is taken up with criticism and yet not a word is mentioned of the fact that the crowd, many of whom had been there for 12/13 hours, maintained a complete 30 second silence for the late Barry Boyden at 6.30pm and you could have heard the proverbial pin drop. I could not imagine this happening at Stamford Bridge or White Hart Lane.

The only fortunate thing about his article was that it appeared in *The Times*, and I reckon that the so-called yobs he refers to do not read that worthy newspaper.

All I can say is – grow up, Lord Chalfont, live in today's world – I don't like it as well, but I'm afraid it's too late to change it.

Yours faithfully,
D.O. SPYER,
36 The Avenue,
Hatch End, Middlesex.

Stating a case for tolerance

From Mr David Hogg

Sir, For Lord Chalfont to link the behaviour of football hooligans to that of the Middlesex seven-a-side spectators is unfair and requires considerable exaggeration on his part.

I attended my 21st Middlesex tournament with a group of friends, including children. We breakfasted and lunched in the car parks, enjoyed meeting old friends and applauded a Harlequin victory. The day was enhanced by the glorious weather.

We were not abused – physically or verbally – nor hit by dangerous missiles. We did not see spectators stabbed or crushed nor policemen being attacked. We did not hear foul language, mindless chants or racist taunts.

We were aware, however, of people having an admittedly high spirited and good-humoured day out and thought the "Mexican wave" quite spectacular until it became boring. My friends and I do not object to harmless extrovert behaviour – whether alcohol primed or not.

Either Lord Chalfont was particularly unfortunate in his seat position or, alternatively and more likely, he needs to adopt a more tolerant stance.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID HOGG,
1 Camellia Way,
Wokingham,
Berkshire.

Unfair comparison

From the Secretary of Sheffield Wednesday Football Club

Sir, I read with considerable irritation the End Column written by Lord Chalfont.

I feel very sad that such a respected person should demean himself by attempting to create an analogy between the conduct of persons attending recent rugby finals and that of spectators attending football matches.

I feel perhaps on this occasion he has picked the wrong sport. To my knowledge no professional footballer representing his country has ever viciously assaulted an opponent in such a violent manner and then been welcomed back into the fold with such unseemly haste.

Perhaps those rugby supporters are merely imitating their peers.

Yours faithfully,
G H MACKRELL,
Sheffield Wednesday Football Club,
Hillsborough,
Sheffield S6 1SW.

Silence observed

From Mr Andrew Titheridge

Sir, I cannot agree with the comments of Lord Chalfont regarding the crowd behaviour at the Middlesex Sevens. There are few sporting activities that can hold the attention of nearly 60,000 people for over six hours, and the organizers of the tournament should be congratulated for achieving this and once again bringing a none too successful English rugby season to a happy close.

The exuberance of the spectators was obviously increased by the availability of alcohol in the ground at set times and by the use of car parks for family picnics, but at no time was the mood anything but jovial and no incidents of violence that one often sees at soccer matches occurred: indeed, the appreciation of some quality rugby was clear for all to see.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW TITHERIDGE,
Rugby Correspondent,
County Sound Radio,
Guildford, Surrey.

Coxes could cope with trouble

From Mr Jeremy Burrows

Sir, Mr Myers' suggested solution to the behavioural problems of certain tennis stars (May 14) is, perhaps, a little extreme. My proposal would be to recruit all the coxes from the college boat clubs at Oxford and Cambridge.

They, too, are used to asserting authority, and unprepared to be shouted down. Yet with a boat club liable to be fined for any instances of swearing on the river (despite having upwards of 200 crews training on a three mile stretch of river which is too narrow for head-to-head races) they would also cause much less offence to viewers than would the sergeant-majors favoured by Mr Myers.

Yours faithfully,
JEREMY BURROWS,
Magdalene College,
Cambridge.

GOLF

Trying to keep up with a relaxed Miss Jones

By Patricia Davies

Relax. That is the simple instruction Marjorie Jones tries to give herself when she has a putter in her hand and for once she listened, needing only 27 putts as she took the first-round lead in the British Olivetti tournament at Moor Hall yesterday.

A 68, five strokes under par, left the 33-year-old from New Jersey one shot ahead of Briton's Nicola McCormack and Jane Connachan and Carole Charbonnier, of Switzerland, who was taking a break from the LPGA tour in the United States to visit her mother in Tunbridge Wells.

Miss Jones, a professional for 10 years, has spent the last three changing her swing. "I feel I am hitting the ball well now," she said. "But I've had terrible putting problems. I had 37 putts in the last round in France last week and I am just trying to relax when I get on the greens."

As the holder of a masters degree in exercise psychology, she of all people should know how to do that and should be able to enjoy her unaccustomed position at the top.

Charbonnier had a successful amateur career on the Continent but her progress as a professional has been hampered by a bad foot injury and rheumatoid arthritis.

LEADING SCORES (GB unless stated): 68: M Jones (US). 68: N McCormack, J Connachan, C Charbonnier (Switz). 70: D Heinicke (US), C Waits, T Johnson, J Hill, D Bernard. 71: L Davies. 72: E Glass, A Nicholas, D Chudzinski (WG).

Another blow as Eggo tale of woe continues

By Mel Webb

The sorry tale of Robert Eggo took another turn for the worse yesterday when he failed to return a card in the first round of the Lagonda Trophy at Camberley Heath.

Eggo, from the L'Ancresse club in Guernsey, has suffered in silence as the form which won him the Golf Illustrated Gold Vase last year, gaining him a place in the Walker Cup team, has deserted him. But time is running out for the Channel Islander, aged 25, with the match against the United States only a week away, and after showing the uncertainty off the tee yesterday that has characterized his game recently, he pulled out of the competition after 18 holes. But with what must be approaching desperation, Eggo went out again in the afternoon, in the hope that he might go some way towards killing the bugs which are afflicting his swing.

Contrast his experience with that of Philip Smith, of the Craythorne club in Burton-on-Trent. An England Schoolboy and Staffordshire player, Smith, aged 17, beat a capricious wind and greens which are not at their best at the moment to lead a high-quality field by three shots after a morning round of 68, four under par.

Smith was splendidly steady, consistently hitting the green in regulation figures. A drive, a three-iron and a short chip gave him his first birdie from eight feet on the 504-yard third.

RACING RESULTS

Goodwood

Going: good

2.30 (1m 2f) 1, SWIFT TROOPER (Pat Eddery, 10-1); 2, Plymouth Hoe (R Cochrane, 13-8 fav); 3, Open Hero (G Cauthen, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Greenhills Joy (4th), 13-2 Dockleader, 9 Indian Hal, 16 Manchesterskyrunn, 20 Kalkour (5th), 25 Nastell, Emrys, Factotum (6th), 11 ran. 3l, ½l, 6l, 5l, ½l. R Williams at Newmarket. Tote: £12.70; £2.90, £1.10, £2.00. DF: £15.30. CSF: £25.91. Tricast: £97.80. 2min 05.74sec.

3.0 (1m) 1, GOLD MINORIES (C Rutter, 4-1 jt-fav); 2, Sharblask (P Cook, 6-1); 3, King Balladeer (Abigail Richards, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 4 jt-fav Orient Line (5th), 9-2 Cammanno, 7 Maj'd (6th), 15-2 Zola Zoom, 20 Habcari (4th), 8 ran. NR: Hansaatic. 1½l, nk, 1l, ½l, 2l. P Mitchell at Epsom. Tote: £4.00; £1.50, £2.70, £2.00. DF: £38.60. CSF: £25.45. Tricast: £145.21. 1min 39.29sec.

3.35 (1m 4f) 1, IBN BEY (T Quinn, 20-1); 2, Alvaston (R Hills, 8-1); 3, Classic Tale (W R Swinburn, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Shady Heights (4th), 3 Timefighter, 9-2 Lyphento (5th), 25 Guarde Royale, 33 Dollar Seeker (6th), 50 Santella Sam, 9 ran. 2l, ½l, 6l, ½l, sh hd. P Cole at Whatcombe. Tote: £28.00; £4.70, £2.90, £2.90. DF: £107.10. CSF: £149.02. 2min 34.76sec.

4.10 (1m 2f) 1, RAKAPOSHI KING (S Cauthen, 8-15 fav); 2, Amerigo Vespucci (R Hills, 12-1); 3, Maysoon (W R Swinburn, 7-4). 3 ran. 2l, 2l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £1.50. DF: £2.70. CSF: £4.46. 2min 04.72sec (course record).

4.40 (5f) 1, UNDERCUT (Pat Eddery, 4-1); 2, Litarati (C Asmussen, 15-8); 3, P J Kelly (W Newnes, 50-1). ALSO RAN: 6-4 fav Sharp Order (4th), 12 Viceroy Jester (5th), 20 Wisp Wood (6th), 66 Fay's Pet, 7 ran. NR: Dalsden, Star Of Amma. 4l, 1l, 4l. G Harwood at Pulborough. Tote: £2.80; £1.50, £2.20. DF: £3.30. CSF: £11.09. 59.99sec.

5.10 (6f) 1, QUIET WEEKEND (W Carson, 5-4 fav); 2, Icefern (B Thomson, 12-1); 3, Gold Runner (Pat Eddery, 5-2). ALSO RAN: 4 Michellor (4th), 12 Invisible Touch (5th), 25 Flash Bird, Real Princess, 50 Queens Romance, Ration Of Passion (6th), 9 ran. 2l, 5l, 2l, 4l, 1l. W Hern at West Ilsley. Tote: £2.50; £1.40, £2.20, £1.50. DF: £8.70. CSF: £16.37. 1min 12.78sec.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £26,287.18 carried forward to Goodwood today). Placepot: £126.45.

● Mandarin (Michael Phillips) selected five winners at Worcester yesterday including Monkscombe (14-1).

Worcester

Going: good to firm

2.15 (2m hdle) 1, River Gambler (G Landau, 4-7 fav); 2, Siberian Dancer (10-1); 3, Sure Landing (4-1). 5 ran. NR: Medes. 8l, 4l. P Cundell. Tote: £1.50; £1.20, £4.80. DF: £4.50. CSF: £5.74.

2.45 (2m 4f ch) 1, Above Par (A Adams, 9-4 fav); 2, Calar (7-2); 3, Sallisses (R Durrwoody, 4-1). 10 ran. 6l, 5l. N Gaselee. Tote: £3.10; £1.20, £1.80, £1.90. DF: £4.70. CSF: £9.72.

3.15 (2m hdle) 1, Hounstout (L Harvey, 5-2 fav); 2, Battle Master (11-7); 3, Friendly Belle (15-2). 21 ran. NR: The Tulsa Queen. 6l, 8l. J Roberts. Tote: £5.10; £2.30, £4.00, £1.10. DF: £14.00. CSF: £31.82.

3.45 (3m ch) 1, Pridden Jimmy (Miss A Langton, 11-8 fav); 2, Gratification (7-4); 3, Easy Seed (15-1). 12 ran. 7l, 8l. O Sherwood. Tote: £2.40; £1.50, £1.60, £2.40. DF: £2.70. CSF: £3.39.

4.20 (3m hdle) 1, Royal Craftsman (P Croucher, 40-1); 2, Bronisio (11-4 jt-fav); 3, Rufus T Firefly (11-4 jt-fav). 8 ran. NR: Bob Tisdall, Cut A Dash. 1¼l, 15l, 8 Forsey. Tote: £29.10; £3.60, £1.80, £1.40. DF: £50.10. CSF: £130.55. Tricast: £338.27.

4.50 (2m ch) 1, Stanjestic (G Bradley, 13-8 fav); 2, Pan Arctic (5-1); 3, Maranzi (5-1). 7 ran. NR: Swinging Moon. 6l, 10l. Miss L Siddall. Tote: £2.40; £1.70, £1.90. DF: £4.50. CSF: £9.41.

5.20 (2m hcp) 1, Monkscombe (M Bowlby, 14-1); 2, Vi's Delight (33-1); 3, Sikara Spy (33-1). War Dancer 9-4 fav. 24 ran. NR: The Healer, Mole Board. Nk, 4l. J Francome. Tote: £7.80; £3.30, £9.00, £5.00. DF (winner or second with any other horse): £2.70. CSF: £399.74.

Placepot: £2.90.

River Gambler lands treble

Peter Cundell has seized his opportunity with River Gambler while the ground has been firm, and the four-year-old completed a treble in the space of 16 days when winning the Doverdale Novices' Hurdle at Worcester yesterday.

Cundell said: "I might run River Gambler again at Cartmel on Monday, where he has incurred a 12lb penalty. We bought him as a maiden on the Flat out of John Sutcliffe's stable and then, to our dismay, discovered that he could not act on soft ground."

Sponsor pulls out

Whitbread have withdrawn their sponsorship of racing on the Thursday of the Grand National meeting at Aintree.

● Zero Watt was taken out of the Derby yesterday but there were no withdrawals among the market leaders for either the Derby or the Oaks.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Wigan like place in limelight

By Keith Macklin

Close examination of the events of the past season gives ample ground for reporting Wigan to the Monopolies Commission. Not only did they devour four trophies, they also stole all the news and gossip headlines.

Everywhere and every week there was a Wigan story. They signed up the Australian captain, Wally Lewis, but injury prevented him from playing for them. No matter. Wigan just dipped into their apparently bottomless pot of gold, and for the third successive time established a new transfer record, paying Warrington £130,000 for the Great Britain half back, Andy Gregory.

The ground at Central Park became subject to the attentions of the local safety authority, who reduced the attendance ceiling to a mere 12,000. Typically, Wigan called in the contractors, and within weeks new terracing and barriers had restored the attendance figure to nearly 30,000.

Wigan duly won the championship and premiership, and this week they were headline-stealing again. They issued another statement opposing the move of Blackpool Borough to Wigan Athletic's football ground, on the basis that the new club was milking their support. There was a glimmer of truth in the accusation, but it was rather like the manager of the Ritz complaining about a new hamburger stall on the Embankment.

GLIDING

Champions meet in skies over Arizona

One way to compare gliding world champions and record holders in different classes is to put them all into the same machines. A close approach to this is the Hitachi Masters of Soaring event this week in Arizona, in which some 22 pilots – half from America and the rest from around the world – are vying with one another.

Two British holders of world titles – past and present – are defending the reputation of British soaring conditions for producing unbeatable fliers: George Lee, a world champion in the 1970s (open class) and Brian Spreckley, current 15m champion from the worlds in Australia this February.

Being world leader has not so far given Spreckley any edge in the same 15m class chosen for this tournament. On the first day he came home in fifteenth slot, five places behind Lee, though only 7mph slower than the day leader.

RESULTS: First day (279.3 miles): Wickenburg, Aquila Eagle Roost, Coolidge, Picacho Peak (provisional): 1, J Byrd (US), Discus, 88.94mph, 1,000pts; 2, M Schroeder (Fr), ASW20, 86.96, 988; 3, K Musters (Neth), Ventus B, 86.92, 987; 4, G Moffat (US), ASW20BL, 86.44, 982; 5, H Reichmann (WG), LS6, 86.29, 980. British placings: 10, G Lee (HK), Ventus B, 85.28, 969; 16, B Spreckley (GB), Ventus B, 81.09, 921.

FISHING

Prosecution threat

By Conrad Voss Bark

Following the Anglers Co-operative Association's successful case against the Thames Water Authority last week, they have warned all water authorities to tighten up controls on the effluent from their sewage works or risk prosecution.

Allen Edwards, Director of the ACA, says: "This was the first statutory prosecution (under the Control of Pollution Act) to be brought against a water authority. The evidence came from their own records of discharges. We will continue to use common law principles in fighting pollution, but it may be that further statutory actions will follow this one to highlight the fact that our rivers are once again in decline."

Confirmation of a partial decline has come also from the all-party Environment Committee of the Commons, which expressed considerable concern in a report last week at the failure of water authorities to comply with water quality standards. The Committee said that last year more than one fifth of sewage works in this country were polluting the rivers most of the time.

Stewart's reward

Gillian Stewart, winner of the recent Ford Ladies Classic at Woburn, has become the first woman golfer to receive the Woolmark Player of the Month award.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

WELSH CUP: Final replay: Merthyr Tydfil v Newport County (at Ninian Park, 7.30).

CRICKET

Texaco Trophy
10.45, 55 overs
THE OVAL: England v Pakistan.

Britannic Assurance County Championship
11.0, 110 overs minimum
CHELMSFORD: Essex v Glamorgan.
BOURNEMOUTH: Hampshire v Nottinghamshire.
DARTFORD: Kent v Sussex.
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Lancashire.
EDGBASTON: Warwickshire v Surrey.
WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Derbyshire.
HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire v Somerset.

Other matches
11.30 to 6.30
FENNER'S: Cambridge University v Middlesex.
THE PARKS: Oxford University v Gloucestershire.
SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Chesterfield: Derbyshire v Nottinghamshire; Bristol: Gloucestershire v Glamorgan; Southampton: Hampshire v Middlesex; Ramsbottom CC: Lancashire v Northamptonshire; Uppingham school: Leicestershire v Surrey; Taunton: Somerset v Kent; Old Hill: Worcestershire v Warwickshire.

BOWLS

COUNTY MATCHES (3.0): Lincolnshire v Cambridgeshire (at Boston); Northamptonshire v Civil Service (at Oundle); Warwickshire v Gloucestershire (at Shipston on Stour).

OTHER SPORT

ANGLING: World fly fishing championships (at Grafham and Rutland waters, River Test, Hampshire).
CYCLING: Milk race (Lincoln to Sheffield).
GOLF: English women's amateur championships (at Alwoodley); Scottish women's matchplay championship (at Nairn); WPGA British Olivetti tournament (at Moor Hall); Hennessy Cognac national pro-am championship: Regional final (at Hankley Common); European tour satellite event (at Bolton old links).
SPEEDWAY: National League: Arena Essex v Boston; Middlesbrough v Edinburgh.

SPORT ON TV

INTERNATIONAL ONE-DAY CRICKET: Texaco Trophy: England v Pakistan from The Oval. BBC1: 10.40am. BBC2: 1.35 and 2.35pm. Highlights: BBC2: 11.25pm.
GYMNASTICS: 1987 European championships, Moscow. ITV: 7.30pm.
RACING: 2.30, 3.0, 3.35 and 4.10 races from Goodwood. BBC1: 2.15pm and BBC2: 4.05pm.
100 GREAT SPORTING MOMENTS: 1972 Olympic basketball final: United States v USSR. BBC2: 7.25-7.35pm.

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CRICKET: CAPTAIN'S FOURTH CENTURY IN 13 DAYS STIRS SOMERSET ON AN AWKWARD PITCH

Yorkshire put through the mill as Roebuck hits century in a grille

By Simon Wilde

HEADINGLEY: Yorkshire, with all first-innings wickets in hand, are 255 runs behind Somerset.

A technically excellent innings of 112 by Peter Roebuck, the Somerset captain, who batted one minute short of five hours, stirred his side to a total of 269 on an awkward pitch against Yorkshire yesterday. It was the first 100 conceded by Yorkshire in five matches this season.

Moxon and Metcalfe then survived seven overs before the close, though not without incident, Moxon taking a short ball from Jones on the side of the helmet, which delayed play briefly while he received attention.

Roebuck's century was his fourth in 13 days in all competitions and his second in the championship. He was particularly strong square on the off side, through the covers and driving straight, and there were 12 boundaries in his 100, which came out of a total of 188 for six. Troubled early on, he cut and glanced less certainly.

The pitch, on the edge of the square nearest the pavilion, was of variable bounce and, with Yorkshire at full strength for the first time this season, Carrick was happy to rotate his four seamers for the first three hours. Harden was hit by one ball, another deceived Bairstow and gave him a painful blow on the leg, and Roebuck came out after lunch with a grille on his helmet. He had earlier been rapped on the left forearm by a ball from Jarvis, who subsequently hit him on the right finger when he was 85.

Yorkshire picked up three early wickets with some lively bowling, although they were not as accurate as they might have been. Jarvis had Felton caught behind in the fourth over, Hardy miscued Fletcher's first ball to mid-on and Crowe survived only eight balls before attempting to play out on the off side a ball that came back to hit his stumps.

Sidebottom, though, had no luck early on, having Hardy dropped at first slip by Moxon in his fourth over, but he presented Roebuck with problems on several occasions. He earned his reward later when he had Harden, who batted for 75 minutes, caught at gully shortly before lunch and returned in the afternoon to take two wickets in three balls.

Roebuck also received sound support from Marks, with whom he added 54 in an hour, and Rose, with whom he put on a further 78 in an hour and 35 minutes. Marks lived a dangerous life, twice almost playing on before eventually dragging a ball from Sidebottom into his stumps. Two balls later Burns left alone a ball which did not bounce as high as he expected and bowled him. Hartley took his third important wicket when Roebuck finally mistimed a pull to mid-on, where Fletcher took a fine diving catch.

SOMERSET: First Innings

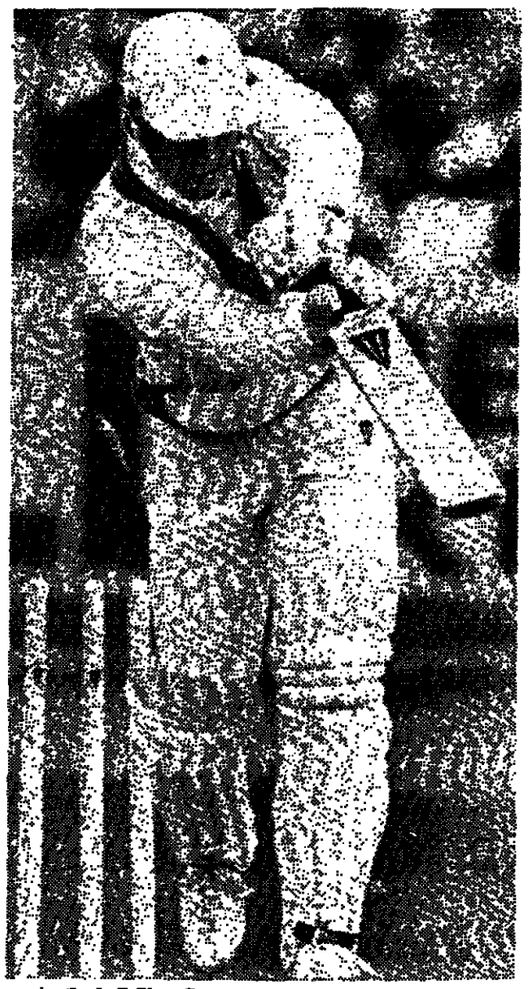
N A Felton c Bairstow b Jarvis	0
*P M Roebuck c Fletcher b Hartley	112
J J E Hardy c Carrick b Fletcher	8
M D Crowe b Hartley	1
R J Harden c Jarvis b Sidebottom	17
V J Marks b Sidebottom	21
†N D Burns b Sidebottom	0
G D Rose b Hartley	43
M R Davis c Moxon b Carrick	13
N A Mallender not out	20
A N Jones b Hartley	7
Extras (b 1, lb 20, w 1, nb 5)	27
Total	269

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-39, 3-41, 4-85, 5-139, 6-139, 7-217, 8-222, 9-253.
BOWLING: Sidebottom 24-7-51-3; Jarvis 20-4-54-1; Hartley 21.5-5-52-4; Fletcher 19-3-64-1; Carrick 14-3-23-1; Moxon 3-1-4-0.

YORKSHIRE: First Innings

M D Moxon not out	8
A A Metcalfe not out	4
Extras (lb 1, w 1)	2
Total (no wkts, 6 overs)	14

R J Blakey, K Sharp, J D Love, †D L Bairstow, *D Carrick, A Sidebottom, P J Hartley, P W Jarvis and S D Fletcher to bat.
Umpires: H D Bird and J Birkenshaw.



As the ball flies: Crowe has his wings clean-clipped

Glamorgan fail to cope with pitch

By Jack Bailey

AT CHELMSFORD: (Glamorgan won the toss) Essex with six first innings wickets in hand are 44 runs behind Glamorgan.

Times were when Essex's pitches were green and helped good seam bowling. This Chelmsford pitch was a dry, light-brown and — you have guessed it — it helped the seamers. It was largely movement through the air and unpredictable bounce that did the damage as Glamorgan limped to 119 all out, Pringle taking 4 for 34, and Essex battled through 45 overs in reaching 75 for 4.

Any advantage Glamorgan may have sought from winning the toss, was discounted early in the piece. Page, his rhythm restored in spite of four shouts of "no ball" in his first spell of 1 for seven in eight overs, removed Morris with only seven on the board. It was a peach of a ball, coming back sharply from outside the left hander's off-stump and leaving Morris bemused and playing no stroke.

Morris went to the first of five lbw decisions, given while the first six Glamorgan wickets fell for 57. The early batsmen struggled for survival without exception. Butcher, for example, took 50 minutes to get off the mark and 80 minutes to reach double figures.

Only Hopkins, stolid and watchful, Metson, neat and well-organized, and Van Zyl, who hit lustily at anything pitched up, stayed for any length of time.

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

J A Hopkins lbw b Pringle	21
*H Morris lbw b Page	3
A R Butcher run out	10
G C Holmes lbw b Page	12
M P Maynard lbw b Topley	0
J Derrick lbw b Pringle	1
†C P Metson c Hardie b Pringle	24
I Smith c Pringle b Lever	10
C P J G van Zyl c East b Topley	23
P D North c Fletcher b Pringle	6
S R Barwick not out	2
Extras (b 2, w 1, nb 4)	7
Total (61.5 overs)	119

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-7, 2-31, 3-45, 4-45, 5-50, 6-57, 7-72, 8-110, 9-112.
BOWLING: Lever 22-7-35-1; Page 14-7-23-2; Pringle 16.5-4-34-4; Topley 9-1-25-2.

ESSEX: First Innings

C Gladwin c North b Smith	1
I Redpath c Metson b van Zyl	0
B R Hardie b Smith	31
*K W R Fletcher c Metson b Derrick	20
G Miller not out	10
D R Pringle not out	5
Extras (1 lb, 4 w, 3 nb)	8
Total (45 overs, 4 wkts)	75

W Lilley, H A Page, †D E East, T D Topley and J K Lever to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-1, 2-1, 3-51, 4-61.
Umpires: B Dudleston and D G L Evans.

Tremlett wrecks the middle order

By Richard Streeton

BOURNEMOUTH: (Nottinghamshire won toss). Hampshire, with eight first innings wickets in hand, are 153 runs behind Nottinghamshire.

Another bleak, chilly day saw Nottinghamshire dismissed for 198 at Dean Park with Paul Johnson alone managing to rise above difficult conditions, which included a green pitch. Hampshire lost Terry and Greenidge before bad light ended play shortly after tea.

Hampshire's innings began as the visibility worsened and Terry was held at second slip in Hadlee's first over. Greenidge went carefully but still punished the occasional ball, including successive drives for four against Rice past mid-off and mid-on.

After tea, though, Hadlee returned to beat a defensive shot by Greenidge, who clipped his stumps with his bat in self-chastisement before leaving the wicket. Nicholas was still not off the mark after 56 minutes when play came to a halt.

In bright sunshine Nottinghamshire were given a promising start by Robinson and Newell before the weather deteriorated after an hour. Once the clouds became leaden, the ball swung in disconcerting fashion and everyone struggled.

Nottinghamshire's first four batsmen were already out when Tremlett wrecked the late middle order with a spell that included four for eight in 14 balls, including three wickets in one over.

Terry's first catch came when he held Robinson in James's second over. Newell was held at silly point in Maru's first over and next ball Randall fatally offered no stroke against Marshall. Rice hinted he might halt the slide before he was yorked by Andrew immediately after lunch.

Tremlett's spectacular spell began with the help of Terry's second catch at deep point when he clung to a fierce square cut by Birch.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

R T Robinson c Terry b James	27
M Newell c Smith b Maru	26
D W Randall lbw b Marshall	13
*C E B Rice b Andrew	19
P Johnson not out	60
J D Birch c Terry b Tremlett	7
R J Hadlee c Terry b Tremlett	7
E E Hemmings c Smith b Tremlett	0
†B N French c Greenidge b Tremlett	0
R A Pick c Greenidge b James	22
J A Afford lbw b James	0
Extras (lb 16, w 1)	17
Total (57.3 overs)	198

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-53, 2-77, 3-77, 4-116, 5-129, 6-141, 7-141, 8-141, 9-198.
BOWLING: Marshall 13-3-42-1; Andrew 16-1-63-1; Tremlett 18-6-49-4; James 4.3-1-11-3; Maru 6-2-17-1.

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

C G Greenidge b Hadlee	36
V P Terry c Randall b Hadlee	0
*M C J Nicholas not out	4
D R Turner not out	4
Extras (lb4, nb1)	5
Total (2 wkts, 15 overs)	45

C L Smith, K D James, M D Marshall, R J Maru, †R J Parks and S J W Andrew to bat.
FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-41.
Umpires: J H Harris and K J Lyons.

GOLF

PGA endorse deal to boost stature of championship

By Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent

Severiano Ballesteros yesterday found himself linked to a surprising appearance money deal similar to the one which six years ago contributed to his being excluded from the Ryder Cup.

The Spaniard partnered Rodger Davis, of Australia, to a five-shot win over Bernhard Langer and Sandy Lyle in the Champions Challenge charity match at Wentworth. In essence the four golfers were shooting for birdies and eagles and their creditable efforts increased the coffers of the PGA European Tour Benevolent Trust by £10,800. In truth it provided a *raison d'etre* to supply the Whyte and Mackay PGA Championship, which starts on the West course on Friday, with Europe's strongest field.

George O'Grady, Managing Director of the PGA European Tour Enterprises, who have succeeded Keith Prowse as promoters of the championship, admitted: "A commercial arrangement has been made with all four players who are guaranteed their expenses for the week. I have nothing to hide: it is all part of my effort to restore credibility to the PGA Championship which for the last three or four years has not had all the best players."

The irony is that the PGA European Tour has itself frowned on appearance money to such an extent that in 1981 Ballesteros was not selected for the Ryder Cup following a summer during which he was locked in a bitter wrangle with the Tour.

Moreover, it is a matter of public knowledge that Keith Prowse were requested during their reign as promoters to follow the PGA European Tour guidelines and not pay appearance money.

Even so the PGA have criminally turned a blind eye to negotiations between sponsors and golfers, although rule five of their general regulations for this year states that players shall not approach the sponsors or organizers of PGA European Tour major events to negotiate appearance guarantees. O'Grady is committed to reinforcing the assets of the PGA Benevolent Trust, which stood at around £35,000 before yesterday's event.

"I've hired professionals to play a round of golf in addition to competing in the championship," O'Grady added. The PGA European Tour have given me a business to run. Tour Enterprises Ltd is a commercial company and it is up to me to get the figures right."

Time off work to win qualifier

By John Hennessy

She was not, after all, a one-round wonder. Pat Hunt, a three-handicap golfer from Tyneside who is a police officer in her *alter ego*, followed her three-under-par 71 on the first day at Alwoodley with a 76 yesterday to win the qualifying competition in the English women's amateur championship, sponsored by Powakaddy.

Nor did the surprises end there; for the second place went not to one of the several internationals in the field but to Joanne Ferby, another three-handicap player from Masham, Ripon, who added a 76 to Tuesday's 73.

These two now unexpectedly occupy the privileged positions at the top and bottom of the matchplay competition which starts today and ends on Saturday.

Of the established players, Linda Bayman, winner in 1983, finished third on 150 (78 yesterday), Jill Thornhill, the holder (78), joint sixth on 153, and Susan Shapcott (76), the English strokeplay champion, aged only 17, joint eighth on 154.

WPC Hunt should have been on night shift this week, working from 10.00pm to 6.00am, but this is one of several periods of leave she is taking in order to reassess her possibilities as a golfer. Remarkably, she says she has hit only 10 practice shots in the last four years, so her form was clearly unpredictable.

LEADING QUALIFIERS: 147: P Hunt (Tynaside), 71, 76. 148: J Ferby (Masham), 73, 76. 150: L Bayman (Berkshire), 72, 78. 151: J Wade (Felixstowe Ferry), 74, 77. 152: J Walter (St Ives), 81, 71. 153: H Kaye (Harpenden), 75, 78; J Thornhill (Walton Heath), 75, 78. 154: S Shapcott (Knowle), 78, 76; L Chesterton (Wearside), 79, 75; S Moorcroft (Thorndon Park), 73, 81. 155: M Cornelius (Navill), 77, 78. 156: T Yarwood (Haydock Park), 83, 73; H Dobson (Seacroft), 77, 79. 157: L Brecken (Pontefract), 80, 77; C M Hall (Parkland), 81, 76; M King (Rochford Hundred), 79, 78.

MATCHPLAY DRAW: P Hunt v K Tebbet; E Bostman v M King; S Shapcott v D Fidler; T Smith v L Chesteron; J Walter v J Morley, S Bennett v T Yarwood; H Dobson v M Gallagher; G Masters v J Wade; L Bayman v K Mitchell; C Caldwell v C Hall; M Cornelius v L Fairclough; K Harridge v J Thornhill; H Kaye v Way; J Collingnatio v S Moorcroft; L Brecken v S Lowe; S Armstrong v J Farby.

YESTERDAY'S OTHER SCOREBOARDS

Kent v Sussex

KENT: First Innings

M R Benson c Reeve b Heseltine	39
N R Taylor c Parker b C M Wells	26
S G Hinks lbw b Le Roux	33
C J Tavaré c Moores b C M Wells	11
D G Aslett run out	1
*C S Cowdrey c Moores b Reeve	11
E A E Baptiste c Reeve b C M Wells	64
†S A Marsh c C M Wells b Reeve	8
C Penn c Le Roux b Heseltine	12
D L Underwood c Green b Heseltine	4
K B S Jarvis not out	3
Extras (b 5, lb 10, nb 6)	21
Total	233

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-68, 2-70, 3-86, 4-88, 5-107, 6-177, 7-198, 8-224, 9-224.
BOWLING: Le Roux 13-2-36-1; Reeve 25-9-55-2; Babington 13-3-39-0; C M Wells 26-8-28-3; Heseltine 24.3-9-62-3.

SUSSEX: First Innings

R I Alikhan not out	2
A M Green not out	8
Total (no wkts, 10 overs)	10

*P W G Parker, A P Wells, C M Wells, N J Lenham, D A Reeve, G S Le Roux, †P Moores, D A W Heseltine and A M Babington to bat.
Umpires: A A Jones and R Julien.

Camb Un v Middlesex

FENNER'S:(Cambridge University won toss)

MIDDLESEX: First Innings

W N Slack b Pointer	149
A J T Miller c Fell b Tremellen	27
C T Radley c Atherton b Pointer	61
M A Roseberry not out	22
R O Butcher lbw b Pointer	23
*†P R Downton not out	4
Extras (b 2, lb 14, w 2)	18
Total(4 wkts dec)	304

A Needham, N F Williams, S P Hughes, W W Daniel and P C R Tufnell did not bat.t

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-83, 2-243, 3-248, 4-292.

BOWLING: Pointer 31-2-89-3; Scott 30-8-83-0; Tremellen 12-0-47-1; Hart 12-3-35-0; Atherton 9-1-43-0.

CAMBRIDGE UNIV: First Innings

A M Hooper lbw b Williams	8
A M Atherton not out	9
A M G Scott c Roseberry b Tufnell	1
Extras (b 2, lb 4, nb 1)	7
Total (2 wkts)	25

†D J Fell, P A C Ball, *D G Price, R Bate, S D Heath, J M Tremellen, G A Pointer and R J Hart to bat.
Umpires: M J Kitchen and K Taylor.

Worcester v Derby

WORCESTER: (Worcestershire won toss); Derbyshire have scored 309 all out in the first innings.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings

*K J Barnett c Rhodes b Newport	16
J G Wright c Lampitt b Weston	50
B Roberts b Pridgeon	67
J E Morris c Neale b Newport	15
†B J M Maher lbw b Pridgeon	58
I S Anderson c Radford b Pridgeon	4
R J Finney lbw b Radford	27
P G Newman lbw b Radford	6
A E Warner c Rhodes b Pridgeon	13
M H Jean-Jacques b Radford	13
O H Mortensen not out	2
Extras (b 6, lb 15, w 3, nb 12)	36
Total	309

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-40, 2-112, 3-152, 4-158, 5-206, 6-255, 7-275, 8-288, 9-299.
BOWLING: Radford 37.5-7-107-3; Pridgeon 25-5-58-4; Newport 22-4-79-2; Weston 4-1-6-1; Illingworth 22-8-34-0; Lampitt 3-2-4-0.

WORCESTERSHIRE: T S Curtis, M J Weston, G A Hick, D B D'Oliveira, *P A Neale, †S J Rhodes, S R Lampitt, P J Newport, N V Radford, R K Illingworth and A P Pridgeon.
Umpires: J W Holder and D Lloyd.

Warwicks v Surrey

EDGBASTON (Warwickshire won toss) Surrey with nine first innings wickets in hand are 315 runs behind Warwickshire.

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings

T A Lloyd c Brown b Thomas	92
A J Moles lbw b Greig	16
D A Thorne lbw b Gray	1
D L Amiss C Medlycott b Bicknell	13
†G W Humpage c Brown b Gray	79
P A Smith b Bicknell	48
A C Storie c Brown b Gray	21
G J Parsons c and b Medlycott	4
T A Merrick c Ward b Medlycott	24
T A Munton not out	1
*N Gifford c Jesty b Medlycott	0
Extras (b 8, lb 7, w 2, nb 6)	23
Total	322

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-62, 2-75, 3-124, 4-128, 5-212, 6-285, 7-289, 8-303, 9-322.
BOWLING: Gray 23-7-48-3; Thomas 22-2-58-1; Greig 21-7-56-1; Bicknell 24-9-84-2; Jesty 4-0-21-0; Medlycott 7.4-1-40-3.

SURREY: First Innings

D J Bicknell not out	3
N J Falkner c Lloyd b Smith	4
D Ward not out	0
Total (1 wkt, 5 overs)	7

M A Lynch, T E Jesty, *I A Greig, D J Thomas, K T Medlycott, A H Gray, M P Bicknell and †G E Brown to bat
FALL OF WICKET: 1-5.
Umpires: D J Constant and J A Jameson.

Leicester v Lancs

LEICESTER: (Lancashire won toss)

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

G D Mendis c Boon b Such	68
D W Varey b Such	57
J Abrahams b Benjamin	80
N H Fairbrother c Whitticase b Agnew	101
S J O'Shaughnessy not out	6
*D P Hughes not out	14
Extras (b 1, lb 10, w 1, nb 6)	18
Total (4 wkts)	344

I Folley, J Simmons, †J Stanworth, P J W Allott and K W McLeod to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-115, 2-143, 3-320, 4-324.

LEICESTERSHIRE: L Potter, I P Butcher, *P Willey, J J Whitaker, T J Boon, †P Whitticase, P B Clift, W K R Benjamin, J P Agnew, L B Taylor and P M Such.
Umpires: B J Meyer and R Palmer.

Oxford University v Gloucestershire

THE PARKS: (Oxford University won toss)

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

A W Stovold b Firth	36
P W Romaines c Hagan b Edwards	119
A J Wright c Crawley b Firth	6
P Bainbridge c Tooley b Edwards	24
M W Alleyne c Cope b Edwards	9
K P Tomlin c Sardesai b Weale	100
†R C Russell c Cope b Edwards	1
V Green not out	36
Extras (b 3, lb 3, w 1, nb 3)	10
Total (7 wkts dec.)	343

*D A Graveney, D A Burrows and G E Sainsbury did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-56, 2-66, 3-135, 4-187, 5-225, 6-234, 7-343.

BOWLING: Henderson 10-2-48-0; Firth 13-1-52-2; Crawley 25-4-85-0; Weale 23-6-79-1; Edwards 30-8-93-4.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: First Innings

D A Hagan b Green	15
R E Morris b Sainsbury	4
M J Kilborn not out	11
M A Crawley not out	6
Extras (lb 1)	1
Total (2 wkts)	37

*C D M Tooley, R D Sardesai, S D Weale, T Firth, I Henderson, †J E B Cope and P G Edwards to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-20, 2-20.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and D S Thompsett.

Sussex hand Pigott four-week ban

Tony Pigott, the former England fast bowler, was yesterday banned from Sussex for four weeks and fined £750. Pigott was called before the Sussex committee to explain the incidents after a dinner held for Imran Khan, the Pakistan captain, on Tuesday.

Pigott claims that he was struck in the face by a taxi driver, but although the police investigated the incident, no further action is to be taken against either party.

The Sussex committee, however, have not been as lenient with Pigott, aged 28, who made his Sussex debut nine years ago.

Richard Renold, the secretary, said: "Pigott answered the inquiry's questions to various misdemeanours, and expressed contrition about events which have brought the club, players and himself into disrepute. We have warned him that any repetition will be viewed extremely seriously."

POLO

Early win for Windsor

The Guards Club opened the high-go season yesterday with the duel for the Abuela Cup, which was won 12-8 over six chukkas by Windsor Park against David Pearl's Rosamundo (John Watson writes).

Rosamundo, aggregating a team handicap of 20, started the match with two goals on the scoreboard against their 22-goal opponents.

That advantage was not irrevocably overhauled until the fourth chukka, when Windsor Park drew ahead at 7-6.

Prince Charles successfully blocked many of the Rosamundo attacks, while the powerful hammer-and-anvil combination of Stuart Mackenzie and Tony Forsyth, the New Zealand duo, was the overwhelming factor in Windsor Park's victory.

CYCLING

French rival to Elliott crashes out of the race

By Peter Bryan

This year's Milk Race is in danger of being renamed the Malcolm Elliott race because the Sheffield professional, aged 25, yesterday achieved his fourth successive stage victory in the 1,110-mile marathon.

Elliott's victory was an amalgam of good team support, his attention to detail (a week ago he went to the day's finishing point in Lincoln on a reconnaissance), and the seemingly endless power which he can summon from his legs after days of hard racing.

The finish of the 90-mile run from Hull was on a narrow, cobbled stretch of road — reminiscent of a Belgian course — which climbed steeply alongside the cathedral with a gradient of 1:6. Elliott had made up his mind that if the field were bunched on the approaches to Lincoln he would try to position himself towards the front and then attack the moment the bone-jarring cobbles began 400 yards from the line.

The Frenchman, Phillipe Casado, who was in third place at the start of the stage, took the lead at the six miles mark and held out for 34 miles (winning £420 in local prizes on the way) until caught at Cleethorpes.

His escape had worried Elliott and his ANC-Halfords team mates were active in leading the pursuit of the Frenchman. Unfortunately, Casado was involved in some suspect riding by others which caused him to swerve off the road at high speed and crash. He suffered a broken collar bone and had to abandon and have hospital treatment.

RESULTS: Stage 3 (Hull to Lincoln, 90 miles): 1, M Elliott (ANC-Halfords), 3:22:27; 2, A Zinovev (USSR), at 4sec; 3, M Walsham (Percy Bilton), at 8sec; 4, J Koba (Czech), at 8sec; 5, C Lillywhite (Lycra-Halfords), at 11sec; 6, G Jones (ANC-Halfords), at 12sec; 7, A Timms (ANC Halfords), same time; 8, J Herety (Percy Bilton), at 13sec; 9, F Sefton (GB Professionals), same time; 10, S Coles (Britannia), same time.Leaders (after 317 miles): 1, Elliott 12:23.0; 2, Zinovev at 22sec; 3, Walsham at 46sec; 4, Koba at 52sec; 5, V Kinst (Czech), at 54sec; 6, Lillywhite at 56sec; 7, Timms at 57sec; 8, Herety at 59sec; 9, T le Bigaut (Pespecot-Dan Air), at 1min; 10, Coles at 1:01. Team: 1, ANC-Halfords, 37:03.46; 2, USSR, 37:04.12; 3, Percy Bilton, 37:04.35. Mountain Section: 1, P Watson (Lycra-Halfords), 47pts.

ENGLAND AND PAKISTAN ONE-DAY CRICKET AVERAGES

Pakistan

Batting and fielding

	M	I	NO	R	HS	Avge	100	50	Ct/St
Abdul Qadir	51	33	10	383	41*	16.65	–	–	11
Asif Mujtaba	6	5	1	78	60*	19.50	–	1	–
Imran Khan	91	76	23	1586	102*	29.92	1	4	26
Ijaz Ahmed	13	13	1	203	72	16.91	–	1	2
Javed Miandad	116	111	25	3709	119*	43.63	3	27	41/1
Mansoor Akhtar	29	23	1	398	47	18.09	–	–	10
Manzoor Elahi	32	29	8	521	50*	24.80	–	1	10
Mohsin Kamal	13	3	2	10	5*	10.00	–	–	3
Mudassar Nazar	102	97	9	2217	95	25.19	–	14	18
Ramiz Raja	49	48	3	1304	75	28.97	–	8	6
Saleem Jaffer	19	4	4	8	3*	–	–	–	3
Salim Malik	51	43	6	831	84	22.45	–	4	21
Saleem Yousuf	31	18	8	142	31	14.20	–	–	25/8
Shoaib	20	19	2	394	72*	23.17	–	3	8
Tauseef Ahmed	37	9	7	54	27*	27.00	–	–	6
Wasim Akram	43	22	6	168	48*	10.50	–	–	7
Zakir Khan	11	3	2	14	8*	14.00	–	–	–
Zulqaimain	11	4	3	16	11*	16.00	–	–	14/1

Bowling

	R	W	BB	4W	Avge	RO
Abdul Qadir	1712	74	5-44	5	23.13	3.87
Asif Mujtaba	65	0	–	–	–	5.00
Imran Khan	2205	94	6-14	2	23.45	3.54
Javed Miandad	209	5	2-22	–	–	3.56
Mansoor Akhtar	72	1	1-44	–	72.00	4.23
Manzoor Elahi	713	18	3-22	–	39.44	4.67
Mohsin Kamal	493	16	4-47	1	30.81	5.32
Mudassar Nazar	2789	97	5-28	2	28.75	4.27
Saleem Jaffer	649	20	3-25	–	32.45	4.03
Salim Malik	106	1	1-34	–	106.00	5.30
Shoaib	292	10	3-20	–	29.20	4.35
Tauseef Ahmed	1001	32	4-38	1	31.28	3.93
Wasim Akram	1263	54	5-21	2	23.38	3.68
Zakir Khan	278	14	4-19	1	19.86	4.27

England

Batting and fielding

	M	I	NO	R	HS	Avge	100	50	Ct/St
C W J Athey	17	17	1	568	142*	35.50	1	2	11
I T Botham	92	83	10	1663	72	22.78	–	7	30
B C Broad	17	17	0	725	97	42.64	–	7	5
P A J DeFreitas	18	11	6	92	18*	18.40	–	–	7
G R Dilley	32	17	7	114	31*	11.40	–	–	4
J E Emburey	33	25	7	254	34	14.11	–	–	11
N A Foster	31	15	5	77	24	7.70	–	–	9
M E Gatting	61	58	13	1198	115*	26.62	1	4	17
G A Gooch	51	50	3	1783	129*	37.93	4	11	19
D I Gower	99	95	7	2855	158	32.07	7	10	38
A J Lamb	65	64	11	2214	118	41.77	3	12	16
C J Richards	18	13	2	124	50	11.27	–	–	14
J G Richards	2	2	1	0	0*	0.00	–	–	–

Bowling

	R	W	BB	4W	Avge	R/O
I T Botham	3295	116	4-56	1	28.40	4.03
P A J DeFreitas	511	24	4-35	1	21.29	3.38
G R Dilley	1103	43	4-23	3	25.65	3.69
J E Emburey	1236	35	4-37	1	31.74	3.97
N A Foster	1162	30	3-39	–	38.40	4.29
M W Gatting	320	10	3-32	–	32.00	5.21
G A Gooch	825	19	2-12	–	43.42	4.76
D I Gower	14	0	–	–	–	16.80
J G Thomas	85	1	1-35	–	85.00	5.66

FOR THE RECORD

BADMINTON

PEKING: World Championships: Third day: Men's singles, second round: M Frost (Den) bt S Wiyanto (Indo), 15-2, 15-4; L Mao (China) bt J Hermpaumn (Swe), 15-8, 15-6; J-E Antonsson (Swe) bt S Matsuno (Japan), 17-15, 15-6; R Sidek (Mal) bt A Astropov (USSR), 15-3, 15-8; E Kurniawan (Indo) bt S Kukasemkij (Tha), 7-15, 15-18, 15-5; J P Nierhoff (Den) bt H Eto (Japan), 15-12, 15-4; Z Jianhua (China) bt H Khan (Sing), 15-5, 15-11; Z Qingwu (China) bt D Hall (Eng), 15-18, 15-8, 15-11; X Bao (China) bt P Pelupessy (Neth), 18-17, 15-5; Y Yang (China) bt A Kusuma (Indo), 15-11, 13-15, 15-3; S Han Kuk (S Kor) bt C Weng Kai (Mal), 9-15, 15-6, 15-8; I Sugiarto (Indo) bt I Johnson (Can), 15-4, 15-4; X Guobao (China) bt A Wilkie (Scot), 15-5, 18-13; I Fredjerskou (Den) bt M Sidek (Mal), 15-6, 13-15, 15-10; S Yu (Aus) bt E Ismanno (Indo), 15-8, 15-9; N Yates (Eng) bt P-G Jonsson (Swe), 15-5, 15-3.

BASEBALL

NORTH AMERICA: American League: Cleveland Indians 4, Minnesota Twins 3; Kansas City Royals 4, Boston Red Sox 1; Chicago White Sox 5, Milwaukee Brewers 1; Texas Rangers 10, Detroit Tigers 8; Baltimore Orioles 15, Seattle Mariners 4; California Angels 2, Toronto Blue Jays 1; Oakland Athletics 4, New York Yankees 2. National League: Chicago Cubs 9, Cincinnati Reds 2; Atlanta Braves 6, St Louis Cardinals 5; Pittsburgh Pirates 5, Houston Astros 2; San Francisco Giants 6, Montreal Expos 2; New York Mets 5 San Diego Padres 4.

BASKETBALL

NORTH AMERICA: National Association (NBA): Play-offs: Eastern conference: Finals: Boston Celtics 104, Detroit Pistons 97 (Boston lead best-of-seven series 1-0). Western conference: Finals: Los Angeles Lakers [illegible] Series 2-0)

CYCLING

WARSAW: Berlin-Prague-Warsaw Peace Race: Tenth stage (135km): 1, U Ampler (EG), 3h 28min 59sec. 2, P Petrov (Bul), 4sec penalty. 3, A Mierzejewski (Pol), 0.07. 4, D Konyshev (USSR), 0.10; 5, P Ugryumov (USSR) Overall leading positions: 1, Ampler, 32hr 37min 45sec. 2, Petrov, 1min 42sec behind. 3, Mierzejewski, 3.34; 4, 2 Jaskula (Pol), 5.33; 5 D Abduzaparov (USSR), 5.38.

CRICKET

BAIN DAWES TROPHY: Southampton: Middlesex 215 for six (A Needham 58), Hampshire 216 for six; Hampshire won by four wickets.

WARWICKSHIRE UNDER-25 COMPETITION: Edgbaston: Worcestershire 194 for seven (S R Lampitt 55), Warwickshire 165 (D A Thorn 74, S R Lampitt 4-34); Worcestershire won by 29 runs. Old Trafford: Lancashire 228 for seven, Northants 117 for nine; Lancashire won on faster scoring rate. Chesterfield: Notts 220 for nine (C Scott 65, D Frazer-Darling 55), Derbyshire 139 for six; Derbyshire won on faster scoring rate. Bristol: Glamorgan 223 for eight, Gloucestershire 226 for five (A J Wright 121 not out); Gloucestershire won by five wickets.

SPEEDWAY

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Poole 47, Newcastle 31. Milton Keynes 57, Rye House 21.

FOOTBALL

AARAU, Switzerland: Switzerland 1, Israel 0. ESSEX LEAGUE: Canvey Island 1, Purfleet 4; Eton Manor 3, Woodford 2.
LONDON SCHOOLS' U-19 CUP: Final: Alleyn s, Dulwich 3, North Westminster 1 (aet).
CENTRAL LEAGUE: Leeds 1, Everton 2; Middlesbrough 1, Oldham 2.
FRENCH CUP: Quarter-final, second-leg matches: Lille 2, Bordeaux 1 (3-4 on agg); Marseille 0, Lens 0 (1-0), Strasbourg 1, Ailes 0 (1-2), Rennes 1, Laval 0 (1-1) (Rennes win 5-4 on penalties).
THE HAGUE: Dutch Cup: Semi-final replay: Ajax Amsterdam 3, Groningen 0
PEKING: East Asia group four Olympic qualifier: Ghana 1, Hong Kong 0
Semi-professional International Tournament: (At Dunfermline): Scotland 2, Italy 4 (At Rieth): England 4, Holland 0.
SOFIA: European Championship qualifier: Bulgaria 3, Luxembourg 0.
LEVADHIA: Olympic first round qualifier: Denmark 5, Greece 0

TENNIS

FLORENCE: Grand Prix: A De Minicis (It) bt P Lundgren (Swe) 6-2, 6-2; E Bengoechea (Arg) bt A Balboni (It), 7-6 6-2; A Tous (Sp) bt M Oosting (Neth) 6-2 6-1; C Mezzano (Switz) bt E Mazza (It) 5-1, 6-3 W Popp (WG) bt V Procu (Pan) 6-4 7-6(7-5) A Chesnokov (USSR) bt M Oliwowski (Cz), 6-1, 6-2; C Pistolesi (It) bt I Kley (Br), 6-2, 6-3; I Bulkey (US) bt K Evernden (NZ), 6-3, 6-2; P Cane (It) bt S Colombo (It), 7-5, 6-2, C Aprile (It) bt

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

Compiled by Peter Dear and Peter Davalle



Olivier as King Lear: Granada Television's production of Shakespeare's tragedy is re-shown on Channel 4, 9.10pm

The undefeated champion

● **Taking on the World** (Channel 4, 8.00pm) is a second television documentary on Mike Nemesvary, whose brilliant career as a freestyle skiing champion ended with a broken neck in a trampoline accident. A quadriplegic confined to a wheelchair, he has to be lifted out of bed, bathed and dressed and his food cut into little pieces so that he can skewer them with a fork. The hardest thing, he says, is to keep up the daily routine; it is all too easy to slide into apathy. But he manages to swim and coach his old sport and even attempt a world speed record in a specially-built toboggan. Malcolm Brinksworth's film is an unsentimental record of courage and quiet determination, which shows not only the public face of disability but the private anguish of trying to sustain relationships with those on whom one is totally dependent.

CHOICE

● To mark his 80th birthday tomorrow, there is a reprise of Laurence Olivier's last great role as **King Lear** (Channel 4, 9.10pm). This is no Richard III, smacking you between the eyes from the opening line, but a performance that builds its impact gradually as it moves inexorably towards the revelation of an old man's tragedy. With its polystyrene set and sometimes intrusive music, the production does not have the polish of Olivier's cinema films. *On the other hand it is probably* nearer to a theatrical experience.

Peter Waymark

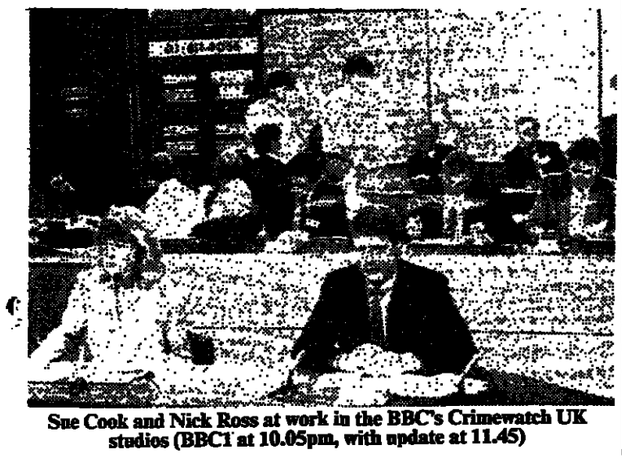
● *Peter Davalle writes:* In **The Freemasons** (Radio 4, 7.40pm), this week's *Pillars of Society* inquiry, much controversial ground separates the view of Lord Cornwallis, the second highest ranking Mason in the land ("the main aim is friendship and fun") from that of writers like Martin Short who conclude that, while Freemasonry sees itself as prop for society, it also regards the rest of society as a pillar for Freemasonry. Predictably, David Lomax's investigation polarizes the issues. For every misgiving, for instance, about the danger of masonic impropriety in local government, there is a reassurance (one comes from Lord Cornwallis) that whatever link might have been established between Freemasonry and wrongdoing had been incidental, not causal.



Lord Cornwallis: Pillars of Society, Radio 4, 7.40pm

BBC1

6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.35 The Pink Panther Show. (r) **6.55** Weather.
7.00 Breakfast Time with Frank Bough, Sally Magnusson, and Jeremy Paxman. National and international news at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00** and **8.30**; regional news and travel reports at **7.15, 7.45** and **8.15**; and weather at **7.25, 7.55** and **8.25**. **8.55** Regional news and weather.
9.00 News and weather **9.05** Election Call presented by Sir Robin Day (with Radio 4)
10.00 News and weather **10.05** Neighbours. (r) **10.25** Play School presented by Fred Harris with guest, Sheelagh Gilbey.
10.45 International One-Day Cricket. England v Pakistan, a 55-overs-a-side match, the first of a best-of-three contest for the Texaco Cup. The commentators at The Oval are Richie Benaud and Ray Illingworth. Includes news and weather at 11.00 and 12.00. **12.55** Regional news and weather.
1.00 One O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. Weather. **1.35** Neighbours. Danny and Shane are staggered by Eileen's offer to move in with them as their housekeeper. **2.00** Pinny's House. (r) **2.05** Brica-Brac. (r)
2.15 Racing from Goodwood. Julian Wilson introduces coverage of the EBF Clive Graham Stakes (2.30); the Raceline Stakes (3.00); the Sheraton Park Tower Lupe Stakes (3.35) The 4.10 race is on BBC 2.
3.50 Lay on Five with Floella Benjamin and Robin Stevens. (r) **4.10** The Adventures of Spot told by Paul Nicholas **4.15** Jonny Briggs. Episode 14. (r) **4.30** Yogi Bear. (r) **4.35** Thundercats.
4.55 John Craven's Newsround
5.05 Blue Peter. (Ceefax) **5.35** Go For It! Fitness series presented by Robbie Vincent and Angharad Mair.
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Sue Lawley and Nicholas Witchell. Weather.
6.35 London Plus.
7.00 Top of the Pops introduced by Peter Powell and Simon Bates.
7.30 EastEnders. Den receives his decree absolute and arranges a celebration; and Angie asks Jan to meet her secretly. (Ceefax)
8.00 Tomorrow's World includes news of an ultra-stable ladder; Italian textiles 'hand-made' by robots; an optical computer disc; and a computer-aided design technique.
8.30 Ever Decreasing Circles. Is Ann trying to sabotage Martin's membership of the snooty club he has recently joined? (r)
9.00 A Party Election Broadcast on behalf of the Labour Party.
9.10 News and Election '87. With Julia Somerville and Philip Hayton. Regional news and weather.
10.05 Crimewatch presented by Nick Ross and Sue Cook. Reconstructions of the last hours of the murdered Shani Warren, found dead in Taplow Lake; and of Helen Fleet, killed near Weston-super-Mare seven weeks ago.
10.45 Campaign Question Time from Bristol. Sir Robin Day's guests are Kenneth Baker, Shirley Williams, and Bryan Gould.
11.45 Crimewatch Update.
11.55 Facing Up to Aids presented by Angharad Mair. (r)
12.10 Weather.
12.15 Open University: Weekend Outlook **12.20** The Effective Manager: Crisis or Control? Ends at **12.50.**



Sue Cook and Nick Ross at work in the BBC's Crimewatch UK studios (BBC1 at 10.05pm, with update at 11.45)

BBC2

6.55 Open University: Pictures of Politics. Ends at **7.20.**
9.00 Ceefax.
8.35 Daytime on Two: working as an apprentice in Austria **9.52** Mindstretchers - solutions **9.57** Ceefax **10.15** Machines that use levers **10.38** History: China since Chairman Mao **11.00** Playgrounds **11.18** A-level studies: hypothesis testing **11.40** New age gypsies **12.12** Debbie moves to a hostel for teenagers in care **12.45** A-level biology **1.05** Ceefax.
1.35 International One-day Cricket. The opening overs of the afternoon session in the match at the Oval between England and Pakistan.
2.00 News and weather **2.02** Cameo **2.15** Using a microscope and a magnifying glass **2.30** Music: a song and percussion music.
2.50 Cricket and Racing. Further coverage of the one-day game at the Oval between England and Pakistan; and the Raceform Handicap Book Centenary Stakes (4.10) from Goodwood. Includes news and weather at 3.00 and 4.00.
7.25 100 Great Sporting Moments. The 1972 Olympic Basketball Final between the United States and Russia.
7.35 Call My Bluff. Frank Muir is joined by Hannah Gordon and Ian Ogilvy; Arthur Marshall by Gemma Craven and Chris Serle. Robert Robinson is in the chair.
8.05 The Celts. Part two of Frank Delaney's history of the Celtic race. Tonight's programme traces the story of the origins of the four remaining Celtic homelands - Scotland, Ireland, Wales, and Brittany. (Ceefax)
9.00 Naked Video. The last in the series of comedy sketches. With Ron Bain, Gregor Fisher, Andy Gray, Helen Lederer, Tony Roper, Elaine C. Smith, Jonathan Watson, and John Sparkes. (Ceefax)
9.25 Edge of Life. The story of three-and-half month old Avril Penfold who has spent all her short life hooked up to a ventilator. (Ceefax)
10.20 BBC Design Awards: Update. A re-cap on the 15 short-listed designs.
10.35 A Party Election Broadcast on behalf of the Labour Party.
10.45 Newsnight. **11.30** Weather
11.35 International One-day Cricket. Tony Lewis introduces highlights of today's game at the Oval between England and Pakistan.
12.20 On the Hustings. Extracts from today's leading political speeches. Presented by Julia Somerville. Ends at **12.55.**

ITV/LONDON

6.15 TV-am introduced by Caroline Righton and Mike Morris. Weather at **6.28** and **6.58**; news at **6.30**; financial news at **6.35**; sport at **6.40**; and exercises at **6.55.**
7.00 Good Morning Britain presented by Anne Diamond and Mike Morris. News at **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** and **9.00**; cartoon at **7.25**; sport at **7.40**; pop music at **7.55**; and postbag at **8.35.** After Nine includes Margaret Hayle's Dreams Come True item; and Claire Rayner with advice on personal problems.
9.25 Thames news headlines.
9.30 Schools: the Herefordshire village of Pembridge as seen through the eyes of local schoolchildren **9.42** Dick King-Smith's story *Fear-No-Bear* **9.54** Learning about air through play **10.11** The life of herons **10.28** The Serbian Orthodox Church **10.45** A-level biology **11.03** Part three of the drama, *A Game of Soldiers.* **11.20** Children's experiences of visiting the dentist **11.40** Fleetwood old and new.
12.00 Creepy Crawlies. (r) **12.10** Puddle Lane. (r) **12.30** The Sullivans. Drama serial about an Australian family during the 1940s.
1.00 News at One with Leonard Parkin **1.20** Thames news.
1.30 Falcon Crest. Drama serial set among the California vine-growing community. Starring Jane Wyman **2.25** Home Cookery Club. Simple Supper. (r)
2.30 Something to Treasure from Dovedale, Derbyshire, where Geoffrey Bond examines collectors' items connected with angling **3.00** Take the High Road **3.25** Thames news headlines **3.30** Sons and Daughters.
4.00 Orm and Cheep, narrated by Richard Briers **4.10** Dennis **4.20** Inspector Gadget **4.45** The Blunders. (r) **4.50** The Ultimate Machine. The human body. (Oracle)
5.15 Diff'rent Strokes.
5.45 News with Fiona Armstrong **6.00** Thames news.
6.25 Help! Viv Taylor Gee with advice on the new Social Security Act.
6.35 Crossroads.
7.00 Emmerdale Farm. Amos has a surprise in store for the village.
7.30 Gymnastics. The European Championships from Moscow. Nick Owen introduces coverage of the women's individual all-round final in which Britain's Lisa Elliott is expected to make a strong showing
8.00 This Week. Jonathan Dimbleby interviews David Steel and David Owen.
8.30 Fresh Fields. William's snoring leads to disturbed nights for Hester. Starring Julia McKenzie and Anton Rodgers. (r) (Oracle)
9.00 L.A. Law. Drama series set in the offices of a trendy Los Angeles law firm. This week, a wife instructs Becker to furnish proof that her husband is being unfaithful. Starring Corbin Bernsen.
10.00 A Party Election Broadcast on behalf of the Labour Party.
10.10 News with Carol Barnes and Alastair Stewart.
10.45 Campaign 87 presented by Jonathan Dimblaby and Michael Barrett.
11.30 Film: The Food of the Gods (1976) starring Ida Lupino, Pamela Franklin, and Ralph Meeker. Horror story, based on an H.G.Wells novel, about a substance that oozes out of the ground and turns ordinary creatures into monsters. Directed by Bert I. Gordon. Ends at **12.55.**



Domiziana Giordano in Nostalgia, Andrei Tarkovsky's film about an expatriate (on Channel 4, 12.20am)

CHANNEL 4

2.20 Election Brief. A repeat of last night's programme which examined a key election issue.
2.30 Film: Girl Crazy* (1943) starring Judy Garland and Mickey Rooney. A George and Ira Gershwin musical about a womanizing young man who is banished to a males-only college where he is decidedly unhappy - until he meets the dean's daughter. With Tommy Dorsey and his Orchestra. Directed by Norman Taurog.
4.20 Baby Boogie. A cartoon about a little girl who is told babies come from hospitals.
4.30 Countdown. Today's challenger in the words and numbers game is Matthew Francis, a car sales executive from Hoddesdon. Richard Whiteley is the questionmaster, assisted today by Humphrey Lyttelton.
5.00 Film: St Louis Blues* (1958) starring Nat King Cole. A fictionalized biography of 'the father of the blues' W.C.Handy. With Eartha Kitt, Pearl Bailey, Ella Fitzgerald, and Cab Calloway. Directed by Allen Reisner.
6.45 Film: Bow Bells* (1956) To a background of tunes from the old time music halls, a nostalgic trip through London's old street markets, along the banks of the Thames, and mingling with the crowds at a race meeting. Directed by Tony Simmons.
7.00 Channel 4 News with Nicholas Owen and Christabel King.
7.50 Campaign Comment. Voters from Don Valley have their say. Followed by Weather.
8.00 Taking on the World. A follow-up documentary charting the progress of former freestyle skiing champion Mike Nemesvary who is now confined to a wheelchair after a serious trampolining accident. (see Choice)
9.00 A Party Election Broadcast on behalf of the Labour Party.
9.10 Laurence Olivier presents King Lear. A specially made for television version of Shakespeare's tragedy, starring Olivier in the title role, Colin Blakely, John Hurt, Anna Calder-Marshall, Diana Rigg, and Dorothy Tutin. (r) (see Choice)
12.10 Election Brief. A key election issue is analysed with the aid of clear graphics.
12.20 Film: Nostalgia (1983) starring Oleg Jankovsky. The story of the unhappiness of an expatriate - a Russian professor - and his relationship in a small Tuscan town with a mystic (Erland Josephson). Directed by Andrei Tarkovsky. English subtitles. Ends at **2.35.**

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES 5.35pm-6.00 Wales Today. 6.35-7.00 Gardening Together. 12.15am-12.15 News and weather SCOTLAND 10.55-10.35 The General Assembly of The Church of Scotland. 10.45-10.55 Dotsman. 10.55-12.00 The General Assembly. 12.00-12.55am International One-Day Cricket 6.35-7.00 Reporting Scotland 6.30-6.00 Late Expectations. NORTHERN IRELAND 2.55pm-3.50 Belmoral Show and Racing from Goodwood 5.35-5.40 Today's Sport 5.40-6.00 Inside Ulster. 6.35-7.00 Balmoral Show 87. 8.30-9.00 Spotlight. 12.10am-12.15 News and weather ENGLAND 6.35pm-7.00 Regional news magazines.

BBC2 WALES: 11.00am-11.15 Gwaid a Siarad.

ANGLIA As London except:6.00-6.35 About Anglia 7.00-7.30 Anything Goes 10.30 Fishing 11.00 Brief Lives 11.30 Forum Presents 12.30am Master of Life and Death, Closedown.

BORDER As London except:1.20pm News 1.30-2.30 Scarecrow and Mrs King 3.00 Country Way 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 5.15-5.45 Whose Baby? 6.00-6.35 Lookaround 11.00 Meltdown 12.00 Wanted Dead or Alive 12.30am Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except:12.30pm-1.00 Contact 1.20 News 1.30-2.30 Randall & Hopkirk (Deceased) 10.35 Central Lobby 11.05 Brief Lives 11.35 Sweeney 12.35am UFO 1.35 Dateline Thursday 2.30 Mary 3.00 Closedown, Jobfinder.

CHANNEL As London except:12.30pm-1.00 Ask No Questions 1.20 News 1.30 Country Practice 2.00-2.30 Sullivans 3.30-4.00 Carson's Law 5.15-5.45 Connections 6.00-6.35 Channel Report 10.30 Art Beat 11.00 Brief Lives 11.35 Lifestyles of the Famous 12.00 Untouchables 12.55am Closedown.

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GRANADA As London except:1.20pm Granada Reports 1.30-2.30 Country Practice 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 5.15-5.45 Whose Baby? 6.00 Granada Reports 6.25 This is Your Right 6.30-7.00 Crossroads 11.00 T J Hooke 11.55 Kit Curran 12.25am Closedown.

HTV WEST As London except:1.20pm News 1.30-2.30 Country Practice 5.15-5.45 Whose Baby? 6.00-6.35 News 10.30 West This Week 11.10 Weekend Outlook 11.15 Brief Lives 11.45 Hammer House of Horror 12.45 Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except:11.03am-11.18 Looking Forward 6.00pm-6.35 Wales at Six 10.30 Wales This Week 11.05 Brief Lives 11.35-12.35am Hammer House of Horror.

SCOTTISH As London except:1.20pm News 1.30-2.30 Country Practice 3.00 Ask No Questions 3.30-4.00 Clegg's People 5.15-5.45 Connections 6.00-6.35 Scotland Today 7.00-7.30 Take the High Road 10.30 Crimedesk 10.40 Scottish Report 11.10 Brief Lives 11.40 Party With the Rovers 12.10am Crann Tara 12.40 Late Call, Closedown.

TSW As London except:1.20pm News 1.30-2.30 Randall and Hopkirk 5.15-5.45 Blockbusters 5.00 Today South West 6.30 Action South West 6.35 That's My Dog 7.05-7.30 Who's the Boss? 11.00 Sweeney 12.00 Cover Story 12.25am Postscript, Closedown.

TVS As London except:12.30pm-1.00 Ask No Questions 1.20 News 1.30 Country Practice 1.55-2.30 Sullivans 3.30-4.00 Carson's Law 5.15-5.45 Connections 6.00-6.35 Coast to Coast 10.30 Art Beat 11.00 Brief Lives 11.35 Lifestyles 12.00 Untouchables 12.55am Company, Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except:1.20pm News 1.30-2.30 Fantasy Island 5.15-5.45 Whose Baby? 6.00-6.35 Northern Life 10.30 Straight Talk 11.00 Brief Lives 11.30 Mary 12.00 God's People, Closedown.

ULSTER As London except:1.20pm Lunchtime 1.30-2.30 Randall & Hopkirk 3.30-4.00 Bygones 5.15-5.45 Whose Baby? 6.00 Good Evening Ulster 6.25-6.35 Police Six 10.30 Counterpoint 11.05 Brief Lives 11.35 That's Hollywood 12.00 Alfred Hitchcock 12.25am News, Closedown.

YORKSHIRE As London except:12.30pm-1.00 Lunchtime Live 1.20 News 1.30-2.30 Randall and Hopkirk 5.15-5.45 Whose Baby? 6.00-6.35 Calender 11.00 Mike Hammer 12.00 Film: King of the Gypsies 2.05am Jobfinder 3.05 Closedown.

S4C Starts:11.10am Schools 11.45 Interval 12.00 Film: Fancy Pants* 1.45pm Their Lordships' House 2.00 Countdown 2.30† Power Game* 3.00 Time to Remember* 4.00 Abbott and Costello* 4.35 Pfalzbaldem 4.50 Allivo Amser 4.55 Hafoc 5.30 Making the Most Of 6.00 Brookside 6.30 4 What It's Worth 7.00 Newyddion Saith 7.30 Pyf Bostcyngerddaw 8.00 Pfarrelo 8.30 Diana 9.05 Hill Street Blues 10.00 Brond 11.00 Taking on the World 12.00 Closedown.

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Cannon is the latest target

By Clive White

Jim Cannon, aged 33, the Crystal Palace captain, emerged as the favourite to succeed Dave Bassett as manager at Plough Lane yesterday when Sam Hammam, the Wimbledon chairman, sought to arrange a meeting with the Selhurst Park favourite.

Wimbledon would probably want Cannon, a Scot who has spent his entire playing career at Palace, in a player-manager capacity. Should he be given the position it would prompt Alan Gillett, Wimbledon's assistant manager, to take up the offer of joining Bassett

The Cannon interest is a surprise since it was generally thought that Ray Harford, the former Fulham manager who has just finished an enormously successful first season as coach at Luton Town, was the chief target. They may have been deterred by David Evans, the Luton chairman, who having lost almost the entire managerial staff to Tottenham Hotspur last summer was not about to suffer the same indignity.

One man who did get away yesterday without any obstruction from his chairman was Steve Harrison, the first team coach at Watford.

Birmingham avoid revealing plans

John Bond's future as the manager of Birmingham City will remain in doubt for another six days as reports grow that Trevor Francis could return to the club as player-manager.

After yesterday's board meeting at St Andrew's – which was adjourned until Tuesday – Ken Wheldon, the club chairman, did not issue a statement to supporters. He said this would follow on Tuesday.

He duly followed Graham Taylor to Aston Villa as his assistant, thereby supplying the bristles to the new broom with which Taylor intends to sweep Villa Park clean.

Harrison, who was coach at Vicarage Road for five years and a player for three years during an earlier spell, was *immediately placed in charge* of the Villa team, who go on tour to Jamaica this weekend while Taylor remains behind to concentrate on other matters.

Harrison, aged 34, said that the players would find Taylor strict and hard but fair-minded.

Having failed in the first of several battles to persuade certain players that there was still a bright future for them in the second division when Tony Dorigo was allowed to join Chelsea on Tuesday, Taylor scored an early equalizer with Gary Shaw. The once exciting young England prospect, whose career has been seriously threatened by five knee operations, signed a new contract yesterday.

Robson confirms that Shilton is still first choice

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

The suggestion that the international career of Peter Shilton may effectively be over was yesterday dismissed by Bobby Robson, the England manager. Although he admitted that his goalkeeper was principally responsible for the goal conceded against Brazil at Wembley on Tuesday night, he said he still regarded Shilton as "my number one".

Robson had already publicly intimated that Woods, who has featured in half of England's eight games this season, either in the starting line-up or as a substitute, would probably be selected against Scotland on Saturday. He may now be grateful that he made such a statement.

If Shilton had been dropped without warning from the *fixture at Hampden Park*, his absence would have been taken as a clear indication that he might have given way permanently to his younger understudy. As it was, Robson chose to praise his goalkeeper, aged 39, rather than criticize him.

"He may have been involved in the goal but apart from that, he had a good match. He is a marvellous goalkeeper and I stand by him, hook, line and sinker. He has been quite magnificent over the years and made so few mistakes that I'm not ready to doubt him by any means.

"He's had a difficult season with injuries and particularly with the criticism that one or two people inside the game have given him. They should be ashamed of that. Although no one can disguise his age, he still has huge stature and presence. He'll be there for a while yet, I can tell you."

Yet Robson is aware that Shilton is approaching the dusk, if not the nightfall, of his career between England's posts. Woods has been offered the chance to gain gradual experience and his performance in Turkey last month convinced England's manager that he had indeed found a reliable successor.

Shilton's handling of Muller's low cross ("there was no danger," Robson conceded) and his mis-handling of two other long-range drives prompted the thought that he may not be the first choice when – and if – England compete in the European Championship finals next summer. Beardsley, without doubt, will be.

His performance, particularly in the first half, was "monumental, memorable and quite staggering". Robson, who rated him as the best player on the pitch, believes that he is "one of the brightest footballers in Europe and, considering he was up against South Americans, wherever the game is played".

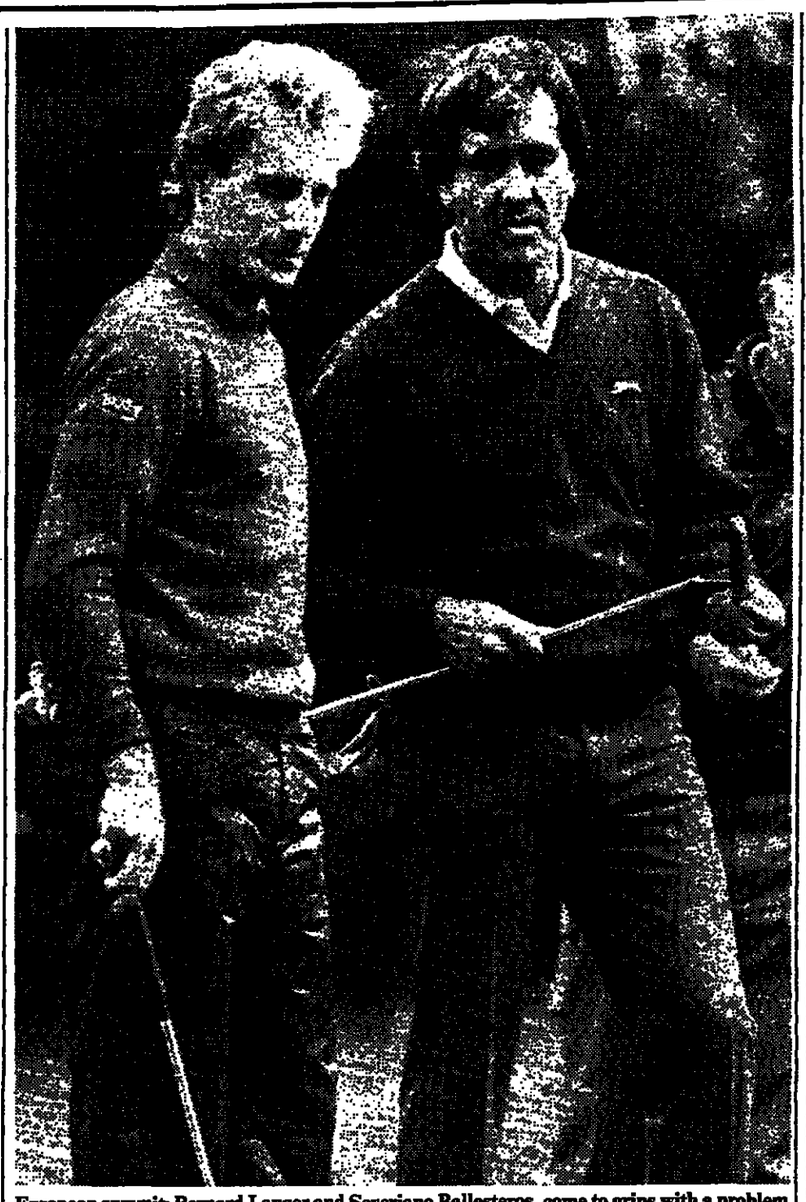
If Beardsley was the leading light in the dazzling show, Waddle was not far behind and he is likely to be accompanied by more of his Tottenham Hotspur colleagues on Saturday. Hodge, for instance, will probably replace the disappointing Barnes, who had "a slow match" and Hoddle will come back into contention.

Lineker, the scorer of England's goal, has returned to Barcelona and will, therefore, not be available. As Robson considers the rearrangements that he might make, he at least was able to postpone another team selection. He asked for, and was granted, more time to consider the list of potential players whom he will chose to represent the Football League against the Rest of the World at Wembley on August 8.

Lineker on target for six-figure fee

Gary Lineker, the England and Barcelona forward, has agreed a £100,000 deal to promote a new in-shoe shock absorber. Lineker, aged 26, will gain more than that figure with royalties from sales.

Lineker liked the product from the start. He first wore the shock absorbers in February when England played Spain in Madrid. England won 4-2 and he scored all the England goals.



European summit: Bernard Langer and Severiano Ballesteros, come to grips with a problem in the Champions Challenge at Wentworth – Report page 44 (Photograph: Ian Stewart)

Celtic pay record fee for McCarthy

By Hugh Taylor

Celtic yesterday took the first step in their attempt to challenge Rangers and regain the Scottish League championship when they paid a record club fee of £500,000 for Mick McCarthy, the Manchester City centre half.

It was a signing which will be greeted with relief by the Celtic supporters, who were concerned all season about deficiencies in their team's defence. "McCarthy is a defender in the old-fashioned tradition, strong and good in the air," David Hay, the manager, said.

Celtic had to fend off the opposition of Liverpool and Sheffield Wednesday and obtained McCarthy's signature only because he wants to play in Europe. McCarthy said: "It is all happening in the premier division these days and I have joined Celtic because they are one of the great clubs."

Hay indicated that he hoped to sign several other outstanding players before the start of the new season and had further cheering news in that Bonner, the Irish international goalkeeper, and Whyte, the country's most promising young defender, have signed new contracts.

Nicholas has not decided

The Arsenal forward, Charlie Nicholas, will consider his future in football next week. Nicholas has been offered a new contract by the Highbury club, but is also being linked with a return to Celtic.

He flew to Scotland yesterday to join the Scottish squad for the Rous Cup matches against England and Brazil, and he indicated that he will consider his next move once these two internationals are played. He said: "These games are what I have on my mind, and I will not think about anything else until they are completed."

● Relegated Brighton are chasing the transfer-listed Reading forward, Kevin Bremner. The Brighton manager, Barry Lloyd, has spoken to his Reading counterpart, Ian Branfoot, but no offer has yet been made. Bremner, aged 29, scored 16 goals last season but has been unable to agree a new contract and is keen to leave Elm Park. Reading will be looking for at least the *£35,000 they paid Millwall for* him two years ago.

● Richard Money, the former Liverpool defender who took charge of Scunthorpe United's playing affairs for a short term last season following the sacking of Frank Barlow, has signed a new contract with the club as a player. Money gave up control after a disagreement with the chairman, Graham Pearson, but has impressed the new manager, Mick Buxton, with his attitude and experience.

FA wait again to haul Allen on the carpet

Clive Allen's on-off appearance before the Football Association over an incident against Queen's Park Rangers in March has been put back yet again. The England and Tottenham Hotspur forward was due at Lancaster Gate last month after being reported to the FA by police, who said he had made gestures at visiting supporters after scoring the winning goal.

The FA said they would not be charging the Footballer of the Year with bringing the game into disrepute, but simply wished to offer him advice. The first occasion was postponed because through a clash with England's trip to Turkey, now the re-arranged date of next Thursday, is also out because Allen will be on a club trip to Spain.

● **Two members of Southend's *promotion-winning fourth division team*, Shane Westley and Glenn Pennyfather, will have a hearing next Thursday. They have reached 41 and 51 disciplinary points**

England are keen to quell Pakistanis from outset

By John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent

England go back to work at the Oval today when they meet Pakistan in the first of the three one-day internationals for the Texaco Trophy and the first of eight matches in which the two sides play each other over the next three months. First blood of the season is always useful, especially against such volatile opponents as Pakistan, and England have a full complement to choose from, *Emburey having* recovered from a dislocated finger.

For various reasons Pakistan have made a slow beginning to their tour. The weather has been more of a hindrance to them than a help, and no one has seemed quite sure from one day to the next of the whereabouts of one or two of *their party. Abdul Qadir*, the leg spinner, is still at home on a kind of compassionate leave, though that must very nearly have expired.

In his most patrician manner, too, Imran Khan left his young and inexperienced side to fend for themselves in their earliest matches. If an England *captain had done that on tour*, goodness knows what sort of a commotion it would have caused; but Pakistanis have their own way of going about things and we must leave that to them. When, eventually, Imran did take the field, against Essex at Chelmsford, they showed what they are capable of, and they have been reinforced since then by the genius of Javed Miandad.

With the exception of Imran and Miandad the players of both sides have, in fact, been struggling for form, England's partly through injury, Pakistan's because of the cold. In one innings against Sussex last weekend Miandad made as many runs as most of the England side have managed in the whole season so far. The top first-class score by any of the England players since April 26 is Emburey's 73 for Middlesex against Northamptonshire on May 6, and they have not been conspicously more successful in the one-day competitions.

Despite their winter victories the England side has less than an entirely settled look. Athey, Lamb and Gooch will all, I imagine, feel a little bit on trial. By the end of November not one of the seven batsmen (Botham included) will be under 30, and that is a *bad position for the selectors* to be getting into. Gatting said yesterday he thought it unlikely that Thomas would play today, which seems a pity. Of the three pitches for these one-day games – the Oval, Trent Bridge and Edgbaston – the Oval would be the one most likely to give him his best chance of making an impact.

As Northamptonshire have no match at the moment, Capel and Bailey practiced yesterday with the England side. This follows a request from Micky Stewart, the England manager, that one or two of the better young players should be broken in in this way when their counties are without a fixture. For the first nine months of last year it would have been the worst possible thing to have happened, so low was England's morale, but things are better now.

Pakistan have not won a one-day international against England in England since 1974, when they took the first two they ever played here. They lost both matches in 1978 and again in 1982, and all three in the World Cups of 1979 and 1983. In Perth in January and in Sharjah early last month England also came *out on top, and for all* the natural ability of the Pakistanis and the match winning qualities of Imran and Miandad it would be surprising if they were not to do so again now.

All the tickets are sold for today, as they are for Trent Bridge on Saturday. There are *still some left for Monday* at Edgbaston, but not many. The matches start at 10.45, and a second day has been set aside for each of them in the event of rain on the first.

Oval squads

ENGLAND: M W Gatting, G A Gooch, B C Broad, C W J Athey, D I Gower, A J Lamb, I T Botham, C J Richards, J E Emburey, P A J De Freitas, N A Foster, G R Dilley, J G Thomas.

PAKISTAN: Imran Khan, Mudassar Nazar, Ramiz Raja, Mansoor Akhtar, Javed Miandad, Salim Malik, Manzoor Elahi, Saleem Yousuf, Wasim Akram, Tauseef Ahmed, Zakir Khan, Shoaib Mohammed.

Umpires: D R Shepherd and A G T Whitehad.

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END COLUMN

Plea for £10m to improve grounds

By John Goodbody

The first one-day match of another busy summer of international cricket begins today at the Oval, one of many English grounds inadequate for staging major matches.

The Oval, a ground steeped in history and distinction, has a capacity of 15,000. Attractive one-games could attract in excess of 30,000 people if the stands were large enough. Despite the controversial rebuilding of the Mound Stand, thanks partly to a £2 million gift from Paul Getty, Lord's has a capacity of only 26,000. Melbourne has held 90,000, Sydney holds 40,000 while in India 50,000 crowds are quite common.

Raman Subba Row, the chairman of the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB), has spent the winter lobbying the Prime Minister, the Sports Minister and the Sports Council. "The state of most of our six England Test match grounds is disgraceful compared with all our opponents. It has become highly embarrassing to entertain our visitors, whose facilities are first class," he says.

The TCCB want to establish a £10 million fund over 10 years from which money can be borrowed for improvements. The Test grounds could borrow from the fund at a small interest and repay the capital over a period.

Cricket is not wealthy. The game's marketing has certainly been successful and the support constant, but it does not have the funding for major capital projects, particularly for several national centres.

But then what sport does? Football relies heavily on the Football Grounds Improvement Trust, set up with money from Pools companies, while many other sports depend completely on Government or municipal support.

Subba Row believes cricket is a special case. It is England's national game and



Subba Row: embarrassed

contributes to Commonwealth relations and their six Test match venues have a rich seam of tradition.

The Government is concerned that such a fund requires a subsidy of about £1 million and has trepidations setting up such a fund, particularly as it affects just one game

The TCCB argue that the playing of Test matches produces about 40 per cent of what is needed to keep the first-class game going. Tests and county matches are the focus of inspiration for the young while the TCCB also gives more than £200,000 annually to the National Cricket Association for the benefit of the lower reaches of the game. If better grounds were available then there would be bigger crowds and *the money would filter down to* every region of the game.

But even Subba Row agrees that cricket's problem is that, until artificial surfaces are improved and can be used for cricket, the grounds' employment is restricted. The pitch square is sacrosanct.

The whole ground cannot be *regularly used during the winter* for football, rugby union or hockey games for local clubs and communities because of the potential damage. The Council like to see the maximum use of facilities, particularly those provided from taxpayers' money.

A spokeswoman said: "The *Council does help give money* for national centres for individual sports, but it is towards one centre in each sport. Unlike football with Wembley or rugby union with Twickenham, there are six national centres in cricket.

"Our capital expenditure is committed for the next three years and we are writing to all governing bodies for details of their future claims. The problem is setting priorities. The claim of cricket will be considered along with the others."

Unless John Smith, the Council's chairman, is once again able to be the marriage broker of his favourite union between public money and private investment, then many of England's Test grounds will remain antiquated and inadequate.

Olympic hope for S Africa

By John Goodbody

Sir Arthur Gold, the president of the European Athletic Association and chairman of the Commonwealth Games Council for England, is reported to have called yesterday for South Africa's readmission to the Olympic movement because the majority of sportsmen in the Republic are being penalized by their exclusion.

Sir Arthur is quoted in the current issue of *Athletics Today* as saying: "Where there has been full integration, that sport should be allowed back into the Olympics.

"The thing that saddens me is not the exclusion of the white South African but the exclusion of the black. In penalizing a minority you are penalizing a majority. I would allow South African sportsmen and women to compete, because by excluding them you are punishing them not their Government."

Sir Arthur's controversial statement – and he stressed that he was speaking as an individual – is likely to cause a furore in black Africa, where he is already regarded as a sympathizer towards the integration of South Africa into international sport. He was unavailable for further comment yesterday.

Rugby awaits its historic kick-off

From Gerald Davies, Auckland

Tomorrow at Eden Park in Auckland, New Zealand, rugby union embarks on the first step in a bold new experiment for the game when the first match of the first-ever World Cup gets under way.

As if to signify the breadth of interest in the game, New Zealand's All Blacks, representing the long history and tradition of rugby, will play Italy, who are novices.

Yesterday, the New Zealand selectors made six changes from the team which lost 16-3 at Nantes in November. In

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David Kirk, they have a different captain after Andy Dalton strained a hamstring in training. They also have three new caps.

John Gallagher replaces Kieran Crowley at full back, Warwick Taylor steps in for Stone in midfield, Richard Loe for John Drake, and in the back row, only Wayne Shelford, at No. 8, remains. Alan Whetton and Michael Jones, the new cap, aged 22, will play on the flanks. Loe and *Gallagher are the other* debutants.

Rodolfo Ambrosio, at stand-off half, is Italy's only new cap.

The All Blacks lost the three-match Bledisloe Cup series against Australia last summer and, in France in the autumn, after winning the first international in Toulouse, lost the second in Nantes. It is their weakness in the scrum, thinks Brian Lochore, the coach, that the All Blacks need to correct.

NEW ZEALAND: J Gallagher (Wellington); J Kirwan (Auckland), J Stanley (Auckland), W Taylor (Canterbury), C Green (Canterbury); G Fox (Auckland), D Kirk (Auckland, capt); S McDowall (Auckland), S Fitzpatrick (Auckland), R Loe (Waikato), A Whetton (Auckland), M Pierce (Wellington), G Whetton (Auckland), M Jones (Auckland), W Shelford (North Harbour). ITALY: M Ghizzoni (Aquila); M Cuttita (Aquila), S Gaetaniello (Parma), O Collodo (Treviso), M Mascioletti (Aquila); R Ambrosio (Roma), F Lorigiola (Padua); S Lupini (Rovigo), G Morelli (Aquila), G Rossi (Treviso), G Artuso (Padua), F Berni (Milan), M Gardin (Padua), P Fanna (Padua), M Innocenti (Padua, capt). Referee: G Fordham (Australia).

● **SYDNEY:** Australia, as predicted yesterday, chose a vast pack for their opening match against England on Saturday: Troy Coker wins a first cap at No. 8.

For England, the fitness of Jon Hall, the Bath flanker, remains a cause for concern.

AUSTRALIA: R Gould (Queensland); D Campese (New South Wales), A Slack (Queensland, capt), B Papworth (NSW), P Grigg (Queensland); M Lynagh (NSW), N Farr-Jones (NSW); E Rodriguez (NSW), T Lawton (Queensland), A McIntyre (Queensland), S Tuynman (NSW), S Cutler (NSW), W Campbell (Queensland), S Poidevin (NSW), T Coker (Queensland). Replacements: M Burke (NSW), S James (NSW), B Smith (Queensland), C Lillicrap (Queensland), M McBain (Queensland), D Codey (Queensland).

SPORT IN BRIEF

Reynolds in frame

Dean Reynolds has signed a long-term contract with Howard Kruger to strengthen the Framework team to seven leading snooker players.

Reynolds, aged 24, joins Joe Johnson, Alex Higgins, Tony Knowles, John Parrott, Eugene Hughes and Mark Bennett as rivals to Barry Hearn's successful seven Matchroom professionals. "We want to start winning titles next season and intend to sign one other player to give us real strength in depth," Kruger said, welcoming the Grimsby *player.*

In hospital

Jahangir Khan, the world squash No. 1, of Pakistan, will have his tonsils removed in Karachi today



Ogrizovic: posts to stumps

On good run

Steve Ogrizovic, Coventry City's FA Cup winning goalkeeper, without football commitments for the first time in two seasons, switches to cricket next week when he plays as a fast bowler for Shropshire in their opening Minor Counties match of the season against Somerset second XI at Shrewsbury.

Soviet tour

The Soviet Union have agreed to a National League speedway invitation to send a team for an international series – but probably not until 1989.

In all corners

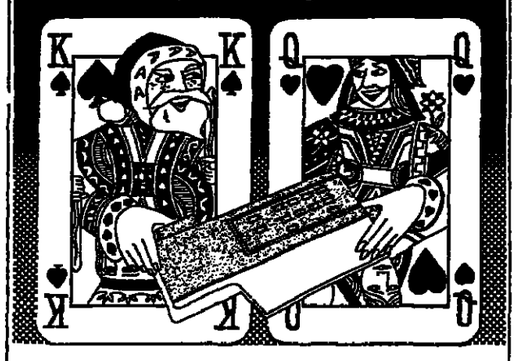
Terry Ramsden, the Walsall Football Club chairman, has been granted a promoters' licence by the British Boxing Board of Control with Billy Aird, the former British heavyweight.

Taking over

Rodney James, the former England international, replaces Rodney Foster after four years as chairman of the Britain and Ireland golf selectors after the Walker Cup at Sunningdale next week.

OTHER SELECTORS: B Edwards (Ireland), G Godwin (England), J R Jones (Wales), M Lygate (Scotland).

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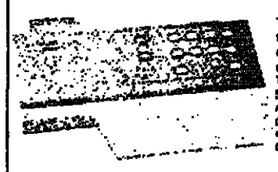
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